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## FAREWELL TO PUPILS



Gladstone School recently said a fond  
farewell to their year 6 students - see page 7  
for more pictures and a report.

## Group to fight development threat at Weycock Cross

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

THE organisers of a  
meeting held to  
highlight fears of  
housing develop-  
ments in the  
Weycock Cross area  
of Barry, say they  
were encouraged by  
the response of local  
people.

The inaugural gather-  
ing of The Friends of  
Weycock Cross took  
place on Tuesday, July  
16, with an estimated 100  
people present.

The meeting was  
chaired by Debra Cleland  
and heard from the local  
MP Alun Cairns, Keith  
Stockdale of Friends of  
the Earth, and local coun-  
cillors, Rhona Probert  
and Howard Hamilton.

The speakers  
expressed concern about  
the impact further devel-

opment - possibly 700  
houses and an employ-  
ment area - would have  
on the outskirts of the  
town and on its infra-  
structure.

Debra Cleland, the  
chair of Friends of  
Weycock Cross, issued  
an appeal to the public.

"We have to actively  
express our opposition to  
these plans on behalf of  
our community.

"Please come and join  
us in our fight to save  
Weycock Cross."

Residents expressed  
concerns about the envi-  
ronmental and service  
impact on the town, par-  
ticularly on schools, doc-  
tors' surgeries and the  
congested road system.

The meeting unani-  
mously opposed the plan

to develop Weycock  
Cross and the Friends of  
Weycock Cross group  
emphasised it will use its  
expertise to fight devel-  
opers "every step of the  
way".

Mr Cairns said Barry  
and the rest of the Vale  
needed a local develop-  
ment plan to end specula-  
tion and concern in com-  
munities.

He said: "The  
Weycock Cross commu-  
nity meeting about the  
proposed developments  
was packed, and the local  
councillors came under  
pressure from the resi-  
dents."

"The delay in the  
council preparing and  
delivering the LDP is  
putting many sites across  
Barry and the rest of the

Vale at risk of develop-  
ment.

"I'm committed to  
working with local resi-  
dents on this issue and  
during the course of the  
meeting, I explained the  
process involved and  
urged them to form an  
action group to stand up  
against the proposals at  
Weycock Cross."

Following the meet-  
ing, Coun Rhona Probert  
said Illyd councillors  
shared the concerns of  
local residents.

"Councillor Howard  
Hamilton and I would  
like to thank all the resi-  
dents who came to the  
public meeting to  
express their concerns  
about the possibility of  
new developments being  
explored by developers  
at Weycock Cross."

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## Barry's £20m proposal is unveiled

The Vale Council has submitted a bid for  
support from the Welsh Government to  
continue its regeneration area  
programme beyond March 2014.

Details were unveiled this week for a fur-  
ther three years of investment from the  
Welsh Government which, if accepted,  
could be worth up to £20m for the town.



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## Bryneithin could be health centre site

**W**HILE I have seen the outline plans for the Dinas Powys Health Centre development, I feel that it is well thought out.

The only problem, and an important one, is the proposed position at the top of the Murch on the old school site.

Many patients using the DP Health Centre suffer from severe mobility problems, and would, therefore, be unable to access the site if it is re-positioned at

the top of the hill.

A council official has suggested taxis, but most patients are unable to afford this luxury and not all patients are car owners.

With the Bryneithin site being on a through-route, there would be easier access for all, if DP health centre were to re-locate to this site.

There is also a limited bus service, which I am sure could be improved.

Let the council consider this option – before it is too late!

Jeff Webber,  
Dinas Powys.

## Scared by a horse in field

**I**AM writing in reply to the letter in the July 11 issue of The GEM, regarding the trampled dog in Beach Road fields, Llantwit Major.

A few weeks ago, I was visiting Llantwit Major and was strolling quietly through a field with my calm cocker spaniel beside me, when I noticed a large horse ahead and a smaller horse.

The large horse, despite being some distance away had a look about it that worried me, skittish might be the right word.

I immediately put my dog on a lead and paused as I was worried.

At that point, the

horse gave us a wild look, before charging towards us at full gallop, and narrowly missed me and my dog (who was scared but did not bark).

Quite frankly, I was scared for my life, as the horse then turned behind me and looked as if it would take a second run at me.

I rapidly headed to the side of the field to get out of the way, in case he charged me again.

I had to climb over a gate with my dog, to exit the field as fast as I could. My view after this frightening event was that the horse had an unstable temperament and should not be in a field near a heavily-used footpath.

Lindi Rich,  
Cardiff..

## 'Protective' road measures

**T**HE Vale of Glamorgan Council placed a notice in The GEM that it has been deemed necessary to close the westerly access road to Cardiff Airport, in order to reduce the danger of injury or damage due to terrorism.

This protective action will be taken at 6.01pm on July 30 and may remain in effect for 18 months.

Fortunately, it seems terrorists are not interested in attacking the easterly access road from Port Road, so that will remain open.

Thank goodness for that!

Branwen Sloper,  
Cowbridge.

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## 'Difficult for whom?'

"WE are in difficult financial circumstances" ... so writes Andrew RT Davies AM (Readers' Letters, The GEM, July 18), but I suspect that his "difficult" financial circumstances are not quite as desperate as the millions of those unemployed, job seeking, or living at subsistence level.

He blames 13 years of Labour government. Perhaps he has forgotten that this was NEW Labour, as invented by Mr Blair and his spin doctors, who were quite willing to carry on the Thatcherite ideology and fiscal policy.

## After the EU... a golden future?

**I**WOULD like to respond to yet another anti-EU rant from DJ Radford (The GEM, July 18).

Of course, there is a majority for an in/out referendum and I suspect that if the vote was taken, there would be a majority wishing to leave.

This is not surprising, when UK voters are subjected to a constant stream of misleading bile in the majority of the UK press.

I constantly ask, and I challenge Mr Radford, or any other europhobe who feels like him, to describe what the future would look like if we left the EU.

Let us see their vision of Nirvana outside the EU; let them describe our future trading relationships with the rest of

the world; let them say how they will maintain a trading relationship with the rest of the EU – when we have so publicly abused and insulted them.

At whatever level this debate is conducted, I've never yet seen anything in writing from europhobes which describes exactly what we would do after we left.

If anyone believes that leaving the largest trading structure in the world would be penalty-free, they are living in cloud-cuckoo land.

So please, all you europhobes, you have all the answers why we should leave.

Now let's have your detailed plans for the golden future that leaving Europe will bring. David Kennett, Barry.

## WHO REAPS THE BENEFIT?

**Y**OU have to admire MP Alun Cairns' front to lecture us on a 'something for nothing' culture.

The benefits cap will affect very few people in his constituency, so why does he devote his latest GEM column to it?

Could it be that he

and the rest of his party are distracting attention from the real culprits of our economic woes – the bankers and financiers whose greed and recklessness has brought this country to its knees?

And, of course, who happen to be the same people who back his party?

Jeff Evans  
Llantwit Major

## Leading by example

**I**NOTED the recent comments in The GEM by Alun Cairns, headlined 'It's time to end the something for nothing culture', where he states that the level of benefits has been capped at £26,000 a year.

Does Mr Cairns, like most of his fellow MPs, claim the £15 allowance if MPs sit after 7pm?

It's about time MPs started to lead by example, and practice what they preach to the rest of us.

But don't hold your breath.

D J Radford,  
Barry.

By the way, Mr Editor, please keep the readers' page open for ordinary folk, and let the politicians pay for their own advertisement space to peddle their party dogma and mudslinging. They'll probably claim it on expenses, anyway!

Tony Robinson  
Barry

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The letters page aims to provide an open forum for readers' views and for mature debate from across the community.

## 'CLEAN UP THESE AREAS'



**A**RCHER Road children's playground and Barry Island station approach (Maslin Park side) are both in need of cleaning.

A council department needs to take responsibility for the station approach.

There is broken glass on the path, and copious amounts of dog faeces; also no waste bins on its entire length. In addition, two of the new floodlights are not working. I can't see the point in the Vale Council spending all that money on the area last year and then letting it go to ruin.

Mike Dunn, Barry

## Cemetery care

**T**HROUGH your columns, we would like to thank the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council, Mr David Lewis and, more recently and especially, Mr Billy James, for the care and attention given to the upkeep and

maintenance of the town cemetery.

The colourful tubs and hanging baskets of flowers at the entrance, further tubs inside, the borders and the flowers beneath the trees make the cemetery a beautiful place to visit or pass by.

We and many others have good reason to be grateful. Thank you, from the Killick family.

## The cause of our problems?

**I**READ with interest three letters in your July 18 edition, all roughly about the same subject.

I agree with two of them, Mr Andrew R T Davies and Mr Keith Lewis, but Mr G Smith of Llantwit Major, needs to recognise the cause of the problems we have today.

It is, of course, the political party that opened the doors to let everybody into this country, which was pretty full, anyway.

This is one reason why we have serious problems with the NHS, education, and housing shortages – and then we had a Chancellor of the

Exchequer who sold most of our gold reserves for a pittance.

As for families using food banks and complaining about caps on benefits, how many have 42-inch flat screen televisions, Sky or Virgin digital boxes, mobile phones, Xboxes and video games?

In 1940, my mother was a war widow, but she managed to feed and clothe my sister and I, and kept a roof over our heads.

There was no family allowance then – if she asked for any help, she was means-tested and told to sell items deemed as luxuries. (Name and address supplied).

## Neglected seat with a view...

**T**HERE are some splendid views in the Vale of Glamorgan, and one relatively hidden gem is at Beauville Lane, at the end of Twyncyn, Dinas Powys.

Approximately halfway along, before entering the heavily-wooded section, on the left is a single public bench.

From this, and through the wire fence, one has a magnificent view over sloping fields to Barry, the Bristol Channel and the far English shore.

A pity, then, that struts on the bench are

broken and it is in urgent need of TLC – Tender Loving Care.

After my making representations to the Council Leader, Coun Neil Moore, seats that had similarly fallen into decrepitude were repaired extremely quickly and repainted a dark green.

These two seats are on the triangle of land on the opposite side to Cadotson School and about a green triangle of open space. They are in Coun Moore's ward, and all credit to him, and his officers, for their quick action.

May we now have action to repair or replace this neglected seat?

Christopher Short  
Barry

## PARKS NEED ATTENTION

**I** wholeheartedly agree with the article written by Sully mum Katherine Sweeney in The GEM last week.

I am not a young mum, but a grandmother and great-grandmother.

I take my great-grandchildren to both parks, but mainly the one by Elsworthy Close and Conybeare.

I have been complaining for a long time about the state of the park – there are weeds in the little park.

When I have complained, I have been told that no-one knows who should be caring for the park.

As for the park by Jubilee Hall, seats on the swings have been broken. At the little park, a seat would be appreciated.

Maureen Poole, Sully

## Camping on beach car park

**M**Y husband and myself went for a walk on Llantwit Major beach and noticed several people camping on the overflow car park, even though there was a notice saying it was prohibited.

A couple of them were also lighting fires; this is also not allowed. They were camping, as one of the women was going to the cafe in her pyjamas and dressing gown.

The fire brigade came and spoke to these people, but once they had gone, the fires were lit again. On our way home, we saw the police going down there, but an hour later people were still camping. Why are they being allowed to ignore the rules?

We also saw a woman park up with her kids and dog and go down onto the beach, even though there's a notice saying dogs are not allowed on the beach until September.

Mrs J Lawton  
Llantwit Major

## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL AUGUST 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time		Ht	Time		Ht
	AM	M		PM	M	
25 Thur	08.56	10.2		21.22	10.4	
26 Fri	09.39	9.9		22.02	10.1	
27 Sat	10.21	9.6		22.48	9.6	
28 Sun	11.06	9.2		23.27	9.1	
29 Mon	11.47	8.6				
30 Tues	00.14	8.5		12.36	8.0	
31 Wed	01.08	8.0		13.38	7.7	
01 Thur	02.14	7.6		14.55	7.5	

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.



# Neil's ride from Paris to Rome for Sarcoma UK

**REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN**

**A man from Rhosce has cycled all the way from Paris to Rome – to raise funds for Sarcoma UK.**

Neil John (36), who works as the senior stage technician at St David's Hall, was diagnosed with fibrosarcoma in August 2009.

He underwent a successful operation and this year decided to support other people who are suffering from the disease, by making the marathon cycle ride.

At the time of his diagnosis four years ago, Neil was fearful he would not be able to hold his daughter Elinor, who was born in January 2010.

Fortunately, those fears were unfounded and he is looking forward to getting the 'all clear' after five years have elapsed since his operation.

Neil's wife Jo told THE GEM: "Neil and the team of cyclists made it to the Colosseum in Rome finishing together."

"They cycled through the full range of weather conditions, including snow, thunderstorms, and hail."

"Neil also encountered some friendly locals, who joked that he was too fat to go up the mountains."

"He soon showed them! In total, the group cycled just over 1,100 miles in 11 days, a few extra miles than planned as they had to do some re-routing due to some road closures."

Jo added: "We'd like to say a big thank you to all of you at the GEM for your continued support of



**ABOVE: Journey's end for Neil, at the Colosseum in Rome.**

Neil and his crazy rides, and to the readers – we even got a letter from our local MP who must have seen the original story in THE GEM.

"The grand total we raised for Sarcoma UK was £1,534.50, which will be boosted up by gift aid."

Sarcomas are rare cancers that develop in the supporting or connective tissues of the body, such as muscle, bone, nerves, cartilage, blood vessels or fat.

For more information on the charity Neil is supporting, go to [www.sarcoma.org.uk](http://www.sarcoma.org.uk)

## The Margaret Alexander Community Centre opens

**THE Mayor of the Vale officially opened the new Margaret Alexander Community Centre, formerly known as Alexandra Gardens, on July 11.**

It was renamed in memory of former Vale Council leader, Coun Margaret Alexander, who sadly passed away last year.

The centre received 25 per cent funding from a Barry Regeneration Grant and the remainder from the Vale Council.

The Alexandra Gardens Community Centre started life as a former World War II hut, and was relocated to its current position from the Buttrills fields area, circa 1947, by local community volunteers.

The centre was well used until the end of September 2011, when it was forced to close.

An independent structural survey confirmed it was structurally unsound, with a high risk of collapse.

The community centre has always been run by local volunteers and many of the former officers of Alexandra Community Association were present at the official opening.



**Pictured: Front row, left to right: Yvonne Morris, Cath Kinson chair of Community Association, Mayor of Vale Coun Margaret Wilkinson, John Mudford CA secretary. Back row, left to right: Chris Warner (Welsh Government), Coun Ian Johnson, Vale Leader Coun Neil Moore, Deputy Leader Coun Stuart Egan, Mayor of Barry Coun Claire Curtis.**

## Marco's will support Llamau's 'Sleep Out'

**A well known Barry company has pledged its support for a charity 'Sleep Out' event, organised by Llamau.**

Llamau helps homeless young people and vulnerable women across Wales, and on Thursday, November 7 is hosting its second fundraising 'Sleep Out'.

A spokeswoman explained: "Sleep Out is not just about sleeping! There will be plenty of entertainment to keep spirits high as well as

refreshments."

Local coffee shop Marco's Cafe, based on Barry Island, has stepped in to provide refreshments.

The spokeswoman added: "The purpose of the event is to raise money and awareness of the issues of youth homelessness."

The Sleep Out runs from 7pm to 7am. Last year, £30,000 was raised.

For information about how to get involved, go to [www.llamau.org.uk/sleep-out/](http://www.llamau.org.uk/sleep-out/).

## MP's CONCERN AT HOLE ON DOCK VIEW ROAD

**RIGHT: Local residents show Alun Cairns the hole between the fence and the pavement.**

**LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has met with some residents of Dock View Road, to hear their concerns over a section of pavement and fencing.**

He said he was "alarmed" that the hole between the pavement and the fence was dangerous enough for a child to fall through.

He has called on the local authority to take action and has written to the council to "re-assess its response" to an earlier request to help make safe the embankment fencing and pavement area.

The council had replied to Mr Cairns' initial query back in March,

pointing out that the fencing and wall in question was not its responsibility.

Mr Cairns met with concerned residents and said he was shocked by what he had seen.

Network Rail has informed the Vale MP that they are prepared to work with the council to ensure that the necessary action is taken to make the area safe.

Mr Cairns said: "Having raised the safety aspects of the embankment with the council back in March, I was disappointed to see that nothing had been done to make safe the area which is so close to the busy railway line."

"Network Rail has informed me that they



are prepared to work with the Vale Council to facilitate an improvement. I have contacted the Leader of the Council, on behalf of the residents, and enclosed photographs that show the seriousness of the issue.

"I believe the local authority has a wider responsibility to act in securing a safe environment."

Vale director of visible services and housing, Miles Punter, said: "The council is aware of this issue and has installed two hard plastic protective barriers to guide pedestrians away from the damaged area of the footway."

Unfortunately, these seem to have been removed for the purposes of the photograph (see above right).

"Officers are working on a design to support the footway edge which will require access to Network Rail land."

"In the meantime, a more permanent steel barrier arrangement will be erected to prevent any future access to the damaged footway area," he added.

Coun Chris Elmore, who represents Castletand Ward said that as local councillors, he and Pamela Drake had ensured some time ago that the areas of broken pavement were sectioned off.

He said: "The barriers clearly block off the areas of broken pavement."

"We are continuing to work with the council to get the sections of pavement repaired."

"The concerning issue is that the barrier appears to have been removed in order to take a photograph, which residents have contacted me expressing their concern about, as it could cause further risk to the public."

"We will continue to work with the council and Network Rail, but it is vitally important that the barriers installed for safety reasons are not moved."

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# Penarth man smashed fist through a TV screen

AFTER drinking and taking anti-depressants, a man smashed his fist through the screen of a television set belonging to his ex-partner, Cardiff Crown Court has been told, writes **TONY SICLUNA**.

Nathan Parker (22) had become verbally abusive and told the woman: "I wish you were dead, you are stupid."

Parker, formerly of Coleridge Avenue, Penarth, is now living in Leckwith, Cardiff, and was jailed for a total of six months.

He admitted a charge of criminal damage,

theft, and failing to surrender when on bail. He was also in breach of a suspended sentence for handling stolen goods.

Judge Philip Richards told him: "You are causing people to become upset."

He said the woman involved had done nothing to him, and had shown him affection.

Prosecutor Nicholas Gedge said that following a party in Sully, Parker stole headphones and a Playstation worth £300. Parker voluntarily went to the police and admitted the thefts.

In June, he said, he and his ex-partner met at her home, and he began drinking and

taking anti-depressants. He then became abusive and argumentative, and punched a 32-inch flat screen television worth £300, wrecking it.

Parker's solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "He frankly acknowledges what the form of sentence will be. He has been in a relationship for 18 months, and by and large, the couple live together."

He said his behaviour towards his ex-partner was wholly stupid, and he was utterly ashamed.

He added: "He is not predisposed to domestic violence, and it was an isolated incident. His problem has been alcohol. Custody will have a profound effect on him, because he is about to become a father."

## RAISING HANDS FOR MALALA

RIGHT: President Audrey and regional president Pam, with Bryn Hafren school pupils.



### 'OUTSTANDING ROLE MODELS'

I AM fortunate to be a resident of Barry Island and wish to express some positive comments on two businesses that currently operate here.

The first is the Muscle and Fitness Gym, run by Guy and Karen. I have been going to this gym for approximately three years and although I am nowhere near as dedicated, or as fit as some of the other people who frequent it, I have seen how supportive Guy, Karen and their team are to members of all shapes, sizes, fitness

#### Reader's view

levels and ages.

They are especially encouraging to the younger people in the community, helping to instill in them pride and discipline.

Guy and Karen are outstanding role models, giving up many hours of their time promoting and nurturing new and established talent, as well as 'fair weather' gym attendees like myself.

The fees are extremely cheap and there are numerous payment methods to suit all budgets.

The gym must have one of the best views of any in the country, directly overlooking the beach!

The second business I would like to praise is The Dining Room.

I have only been to this restaurant twice, about a year ago and then a couple of weeks ago.

Both times, I went at lunchtime: and the quality, presentation and value for money of the meals was amazing. Michelle Poole, Barry Island

ON July 12, her 16th birthday, Malala, who was shot in the head by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education in Pakistan, addressed The United Nations.

To celebrate this occasion, she asked for it to be a day of raising hands in support of her campaign.

Barry and District

Soroptimist president Audrey Hirst and regional president Pam Allinson raised their hands in a show of solidarity with the 6th Form girls from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School.

Girls from year-7 who had produced a teenage magazine *Sweet Sensation*, with all proceeds given to the Malala Fund, were also there to show support.

Soroptimists were also celebrating their work in the community, having conducted 86 mock interviews at Bryn Hafren recently.

To find out more about the work of Soroptimists, visit [www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district](http://www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district).

### TWO ARRESTS MADE IN BARRY

POLICE made two arrests in Barry last week, following information provided by the Vale Council's CCTV operators.

The team contacted police a total of 34 times during the week ending July 21.

One man was arrested over an alleged assault on Gladstone Road, Barry, on July 21; another man was arrested concerning an alleged burglary on Holton Road, Barry, on the same day.

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## Medieval boat comes to light

RECENTLY, Dr Toby Jones, an American archaeologist, gave a talk to the Dinas Powys Probud Club on the 'Newport Boat'.

He is employed by Newport Council to oversee the excavation and restoration of the vessel which was discovered in 2002 during the construction of the Newport Arts Centre.

The medieval ship is a 15th Century clinker built merchant vessel, 100 foot long, which traded between Spain and Newport.

Dating dendrochronology showed its timbers to have been felled around 1459. It was found in the river Usk in deep mud, where it had been abandoned after collapsing during repair.

Due to the fact that construction piles had been driven through it, it was impossible to raise it in one piece and it was dismantled into 2,000 pieces, each numbered

and then re-assembled in a vacant factory close by.

It is currently soaking in preservation tanks, being prepared for complete reconstruction and eventual display in a purpose-built museum. Other artefacts were also retrieved and are waiting to be displayed.

There has been enormous interest in the project and when first discovered, it attracted 22,000 people to see it in the first three days.

A one hundredth-scale model has been built to show the original appearance and the public can visit the team to watch the work in progress.

However, due to the current financial situation, there is now some anxiety regarding its future.

Dr Jones gave an excellent talk, well illustrated with text, pictures and diagrams.

The vote of thanks was given by Gwyn McGuire. CR

## Commissioner meets Friends

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS held a meeting at Beryl Road, Pioneer Hall, Barry, where 36 members had a tasty strawberry cream tea and four new members were made welcome.

They also had an informative talk from NEST who gave advice on problems.

Sarah Rochia, the Commissioner for Older People, was also present to listen to their views and problems and gave a brief talk outlining her role, and things that had been achieved since being in post. The group are looking forward to their annual summer outing in August to Brecon Railway and Cyfartha Castle.

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# WEYCOCK CROSS

## Protest meeting



Local MP **Alun Cairns** addresses the packed meeting held at Cwm Talwg Community Hall.

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The Weycock sites that appear under consideration are Walters Farm to the north of the roundabout and the site to the south-west of the roundabout.

Coun Probert explained: "For residents' information the situation with these proposed new developments is that no planning applications have been received, but pre-application enquiries and scoping enquiries about environmental impact assessments have been made."

"Both sites are outside the settlement boundary, and would be contrary to the current Unitary Development Plan (UDP), which still has to be considered until a new Local Development Plan (LDP) is agreed."

"Welsh Government Policy also has a presumption against building in the countryside – that is outside the settlement boundary."

"The Labour-led council is still committed to opposing developments outside of the current settlement boundary."

"Iltyd councillors share residents' concerns about traffic congestion and have made strong representations about the possibility of developments at Weycock Cross."

She insisted: "If a planning application is made, representations will be made again to the planning department by Iltyd councillors."

"The proposals to allow developments at Weycock Cross are part of the reasons why the Labour-led Vale Council rejected the previous Local Development Plan."

"The new LDP will aim to provide necessary road infrastructure and community facilities before housing developments go ahead, and to ensure developments are based on sound evidence. The Labour-led

Council is anxious to retain the existing settlement boundary for Barry to prevent spreading development."

"Detailed information about the new LDP and consultation opportunities will be announced in the autumn, and we will let residents know as soon as it is available," she added.

Coun Ian Johnson said he hoped that when the LDP was produced, developers would respect its findings.

"The meeting also heard from people involved in other campaigns against over-development of sites in the Vale, such as that at the Brynhill Golf Club, who were able to provide good advice as to how to make those concerns known to the developer and to the

Vale of Glamorgan's planning committee."

"With the revised LDP proposals being published later this year, many residents were questioning whether the developers were pushing ahead with plans ahead of this."

"As a matter of good faith, the developers should hold back from submitting proposals until the new LDP is published and respect the LDP's findings as to whether or not Weycock Cross should be a candidate site."

The Friends of Weycock Cross campaign can be contacted by email at: [contact@friendsofweycockcross.co.uk](mailto:contact@friendsofweycockcross.co.uk); Facebook: Friends of Weycock Cross; or go to the website: [www.friendsofweycockcross.co.uk](http://www.friendsofweycockcross.co.uk).

## Fundraiser is a sellout ...and Rhoose has another on the way

A fundraising event at Fonmon Castle for the people affected by the recent accident outside Rhoose Primary School sold 499 tickets in just five days!

There were nine casualties in the incident which took place on June 20 when a car lost control outside the school.

Four local people Sarah Louise James, Jamie Bagnall, Joanne Wain and Jordan Allers helped to organise the sell-out event in which the band Brother Steve will perform at Fonmon Castle on August 16.

Sarah Louise James told The GEM: "We wanted to help those directly affected by the incident."

"The response of local businesses has been amazing – we've had 66 donations of prizes for the raffle."

The deluge of goodwill offers has been such that another event is to be held, this time

in Rhoose at Fontygary leisure complex.

Sarah explained: "That event will take place on Friday, September 13. It will be in the upstairs room and there will be a band, singer and a disco."

"We're even hoping that members of the Cardiff Devils ice hockey team will be able to come along and give out some of the raffle prizes."

The GEM understands that all of the people who suffered injuries, including the local lollipop lady, Karin Williams, and a nine-year-old girl who sustained serious injuries, are recovering.

If anyone would like to support either event with the donation of a prize, or is interested in attending the second event – the first is sold out – they can find more information by searching for 'Sarah Louise James' on Facebook.

## Mums and toddlers' group is launched



A new mums and toddlers' group was launched on July 18, by the Drop-In Centre Development Trust, based at Castleland Community Centre. Coun Chris Elmore said: "My huge thanks to the organisers of the picnic. This type of community event supporting parents and young people is exactly what the local community needs. It was great chatting with parents in the glorious sun shine whilst enjoying a jam sandwich."

## Teenagers in tent robbed

POLICE in the Vale are appealing for information, following the theft of an Ipad and speakers from a tent pitched at Cosmeston Park, at around 11pm on Saturday, July 13 when three teenagers were camping in the park.

A police spokesman said: "They had been listening to music inside the tent, when they were approached by the sus-

pect, who threatened them into handing over a mobile phone."

"They ran away from the tent to contact the police. On returning, they discovered that the black Ipad Touch with a blue case and Technika Bluetooth speakers had been stolen. The suspect was carrying a torch."

Anyone with information about the incident or the whereabouts of the stolen property, should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, free and anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## Model show

BARRY Tourist Railway is holding its first 'Big Barry, Big Scale Model Railway Exhibition' on July 27. The permanent outdoor Gauge 3 running track will be opened. Entrance to the exhibition, adults £3, children (under 16) £2.

## Child's bag stolen at Barry Dock station

### FOUR PEOPLE SOUGHT BY POLICE

British Transport Police are appealing for the public's help in identifying four people they wish to speak to, following the theft of a passenger's bag at Barry Dock rail station.

The black Winnie the Pooh rucksack – contained children's clothing and a tablet device belonging to the victim's four-year-old son, who has been left devastated by the theft.

Officers have released CCTV images of two men and two women they believe may have information about the incident.

Investigating officer PC Dave Miles said: "The victim's son and brother were at Barry Dock station waiting to catch a train. When their train arrived, they both boarded and inadvertently left a rucksack behind on a bench on the station platform."

"The bag has since been recovered by the

owner, after it was found dumped in Thomson Street in Barry, however a Samsung Galaxy 2 tablet and its charger are missing."

"The victim had saved for a long time to buy her son the tablet as a gift, and the incident has, naturally, left him heartbroken."

After reviewing CCTV footage, officers have identified four people they would like to speak to in connection with the incident, which took place around 4pm on Saturday, June 1.

"The two men are both white, of slim build and in their mid-30s," said PC Miles.

"One was bald and was wearing a white long sleeved jacket, blue T-shirt and black jogging bottoms with red stripes."

"The second man had short light brown hair and was wearing a yellow T-shirt with a logo on the front, a grey hooded top, black jeans and white trainers. He had sunglasses and was carrying a large blue bag."

"The two women are also white and of slim build. One of them is in her mid-20s, had long dark hair and was wearing a white top, black trousers and red trainers."

"The second woman is in her 30s, had long blonde hair and was wearing a grey T-shirt, blue jeans and black sandals. She also had sunglasses and was carrying a black handbag."

He added: "Officers have been working hard investigating this crime, and have followed a number of lines of enquiry. We are very keen to trace these four people as we believe they may all have information which could assist the investigation."

Anyone with information should contact British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 quoting background reference B6/WCA of 19/07/2013. Information can also be passed to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## Barry Camera Club presents annual awards



**BARRY Camera Club recently hosted its annual Barrian Cup competition at the St Francis Millennium Centre.**

Now in its 18th year, this event attracts clubs from south Wales and the south-west of England, being as popular and highly regarded as when it was first established.

Indeed, it is the highlight of the Barry Camera Club calendar. Many thanks go to Mike Lewis for organising the event once again.

It was opened by Coun Claire Curtis, Mayor of Barry town, who later presented the Barrian Cup to the winning club, Inn Focus, whose five images dropped only four points, totalling 96 out of a total of 100.

Coun Curtis also presented the Dave Cowdrey Trophy, for the best landscape/seascape photo in the competition, which was also won by Inn Focus.

This year's distinguished judge, Brian Swinyard, delivered his results, courtesy of his good friend and fellow

photographer Bob Train and former chairman of Gloucester Camera Club.

Bob did an excellent job of relaying Brian's assessment and in addition some of his own comments. With all of the work being of a high standard, errors and criticisms were few and far between.

Coun Curtis later perused all the entries and was impressed at the quality of the work on display. Barry Camera Club appreciated her attendance and the grant which Barry Town Council awarded the club, which is crucial in enabling us to mount this much-loved competition annually.

*Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7:30pm to 9:30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX.*

*New members welcome to attend with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information visit [www.barrycameraclub.org.uk](http://www.barrycameraclub.org.uk).*

*Barbra Archdale-Smith*



Joe Morgan and Daniel Manton.

## Pupils put language skills to good use!

**IN a collaboration between St Teilo's School, Cardiff Arts Centre, and the Cardiff University Confucius Institute, year-12 pupils enjoyed three days of language learning and cultural activities – as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate (WBQ) language module.**

All pupils had a day of language study in Mandarin Chinese, Spanish or Italian. They were able to put their language skills into action in a range of activities at Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff.

These included cre-

ative arts, film studies, dance and movement, Tai Chi and food tasting.

### TEAM

#### ENTERPRISE

**Congratulations to year-12 pupils Daniel Manton and Joe Morgan, who won this year's WBQ Team Enterprise competition.**

Their novel idea for self-cleaning windows along with their imaginative presentation and well-prepared business plan made them worthy winners against stiff competition.

Judges commented on the very high quality of presentations this year, and the great amount of effort shown by pupils.

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## Three swimmers rescued off the Llantwit coast

**A dramatic rescue of three swimmers – two women and a man – took place off the Llantwit Major coast on Sunday evening, July 21.**

The swimmers were struggling in strong currents and were rescued, following a rapidly-assembled rescue operation.

They had been part of a group of eight people, and got into difficulties in the water off Tresillian Bay at 6pm.

A member of the eight-strong party raised the alarm, contacting the Swansea Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC).

Swansea MRCC issued a mayday relay broadcast requesting assistance from any vessels in the area.

The Llantwit Major

Coastguard Rescue Team (LMCR) was scrambled and headed to the scene, joined by Porthcawl RNLI inshore lifeboat and the RAF search and rescue helicopter from RMB Chivenor.

A vessel in the area at the time also responded to the call, plucking the trio from the sea and getting them safely on board.

The Porthcawl lifeboat arrived and took the three swimmers ashore. No one required any medical attention.

Steve Jones, rescue co-ordination centre manager at Swansea MRCC, advised: "If you are going for a swim, remember that even though the sea may look calm on the surface, there is the danger of strong currents underneath."

"Always check tide times before you walk

along the foreshore and away from beach access points so that you can avoid being cut off by the incoming tide.

"The key thing to remember is that if you see someone in difficulty, you should call 999 immediately and ask for the coastguard."

## Pictures from the past

**LOCAL historian Tom Clemett has returned to Victoria Park with another collection of historic photographs and reminders of old Barry.**

He has more than 130 photographs in his exhibition, many not seen before as he has recently had some donated to his collection.

Tom describes the exhibition as: "a montage of photographs of old Cadoxton, Barry and surrounding district to bring back some good memories, and I hope people will enjoy them".

*The exhibition runs until September 1.*

## 'Don't swim in docks'

**VALE councillor for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, is reminding members of the public not to swim in Barry Docks.**

*In increasingly warm weather, it's important to ensure people realise the dangers associated with the docks.*

Coun Elmore said: "With such wonderful beaches and coast lines throughout the Vale of Glamorgan, it's incredibly important to swim in safe areas which are supported by lifeguards. I'm appealing to residents, especially young people, to not swim there."

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# HANDKERCHIEFS AT THE READY, AS GLADSTONE LEAVERS SAY FAREWELL

HANDKERCHIEFS were at the ready at Gladstone Primary – as the year-6 children performed their leavers' concert in front of parents and families.

The children sang, acted and reminisced about their special memories from Gladstone. Some of the children were presented with trophies and all of them received a special 'Leaver' Book packed full of photos and memories, paid for by the Gladstone PTA.

Later that day, celebrations continued with a year-6 cocktail party held in the school grounds followed by the Leavers' disco. Year-6 teachers, Helen Reilly and Paula Graham said: "We would like to say a huge goodbye and thank you to all our year-6 children."

"We wish you all the best in your new schools, but don't forget to leave a little piece of Gladstone in your hearts."



## FREE COMPUTER CLASSES IN PENARTH

PENARTH Library is running a free 'Introduction to Email' class for beginners on August 8 from 6pm-7.30pm (booking essential) on 02920708438.

There will be free classes at Rhosce Library on 'Introduction to Internet', August 10 from 10am-12 noon (01446 710220); St Athan Library on August 13 from 10am-12 noon (01446 751497); Cowbridge Library on August 13 from 10am-12 noon (01446 773941); Llantwit Major Library on August 13 from 2pm-4pm (01446 792700); Sully Library on August 17 from 10am-11.30am (02920 531267); Barry Library on August 20 from 10am-12 noon (01446 422423); Penarth Library is running a free 'Introduction to the Internet' class for beginners on August 29 from 6pm-7.30pm (02920 708438).

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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2013/00596/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Change of use of both ground and first floor to pet shop and veterinary business, plus two storey extensions to side and rear and associated alterations  
Location:/Lleoliad: 1, The Limes, Eastgate, Cowbridge  
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Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

### Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2013/00579/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Partial demolition of existing disused chimney and rebuild to match  
Location:/Lleoliad: 1, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely  
Listed Building:  
/Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2013/00570/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Replacement of the two arched council chamber windows on a like for like basis  
Location:/Lleoliad: Town Hall, High Street, Cowbridge  
Listed Building/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II\*

### Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddi-ddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2013/00547/OUT  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Redevelopment of vacant site to provide 34 affordable residential units  
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Cogan Hill, Penarth

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2013/00548/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Erection of a new factory building with two storey offices  
Location:/Lleoliad: A. S. Lloyd Limited, Unit 31, Vale Business Park, Llandow

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2013/00602/OUT  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Residential development with associated access, and the demolition of the existing dwelling  
Location:/Lleoliad: Waterton Lodge, Colwinston, Cowbridge

Application No./  
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Proposal/Cynnyg: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide 8MW generation capacity together with transformer stations; internal access track; landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure  
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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2013/00552/FUL  
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Proposal/Cynnyg: Residential development with associated access, and the demolition of the existing dwelling  
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# Heartfelt tributes to Vale victims, and an old friend

**I**T is with regret that I have to begin this column by referring to the recent tragic events that have occurred over the last month, including the tragic drowning of young Hollie McClymont, and also those who have died as a result of road traffic accidents.

I send my sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who are no longer with us.

I think it would also be pertinent to refer to the very hot weather that we have been experiencing and ask everyone to be vigilant and keep a watchful eye on the young and old within our community – particularly babies, the frail elderly and those who suffer from chest conditions; and ensure that no-one becomes dehydrated in the extreme conditions.

I think we all become concerned during the winter months, but this hot weather can have major consequences, too.

### Well done!

On a positive note, I would like to congratulate Oak Field School in Gibbonsdown, on their tremendous efforts in being taken out of Estyn special measures.

They have gone from strength-to-strength and

have appointed a new head and deputy head, and we look forward to continuing to work with them.

### Town campaign

Previously, I commented on the issues facing Barry Town FC supporters' efforts to get their newly-formed Barry Town United AFC team registered with the Football Association for Wales (FAW).

It is regrettable that the FAW have refused them entry into the Welsh League, thereby stopping league football being played at Jenner Park. I know the supporters are considering taking legal action against the FAW and I wish them success.

Despite this setback, the new team is scheduled to play a Cardiff City Football team this Saturday, July 27 at Jenner Park, and are hoping for a good turnout.

They intend making it a fun family day and are looking to include some extra facilities on the day and help fund-raise for their campaign. I hope they have a great game and a successful family day.

### Fitting

I recently had the greatest pleasure of being part of the opening of the newly-rebuilt community centre in the Buttrills ward which has been fittingly dedicated to the late Buttrills councillor, Margaret Alexander and

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by Coun  
**NEIL MOORE**  
Leader of the  
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named the 'Margaret Alexander Community Centre'.

Margaret and I were very good friends, and we worked together as a team for many years, particularly when she was the last Labour Leader of the council and I was her deputy, from December 2006 until May 2008.

Margaret was a stalwart and always worked hard for the council, and particularly for her ward, Buttrills. It was through her tenacity, insistence and determination that the new community centre was rebuilt, after the old one was declared unsafe and had to be demolished.

The centre is a fitting memory to my old friend, who is missed so very much by so many people.

I would, therefore, like to thank the community centre's committee for making this decision, and also thank them for inviting me to open the new centre. I wish them much success for the future.

### Consultation

Work at the council also continues and as a cabinet, we will begin a consultation in September on the proposal to create a co-educational secondary school in Barry by combining the current single sex Bryn Hafren and Barry comprehensive schools into a single mixed-sex school on the

two sites.

We believe this is the correct solution and will be consistent with other secondary schools in the county, but want to know your views before taking a decision.

This follows on from the decision to bring forward the development of Llantwit Major secondary school by two years, and to build it in one phase. It is intended that the work will commence in spring of 2015.

### Audacity!

I WOULD like to end this column by once again decrying the comments of our local MP, who seems to be happy to comment on council and Welsh Government issues, but declines to comment on the actions being taken by his own Con/Dem Westminster Government – who have imposed, and continue to impose – such unacceptable welfare reforms on the most vulnerable in our communities.

This is adding to the burden on local government, although he is not prepared to accept that it is 'his' Westminster Government that has made these savage cuts to the public sector and reduced the grants available to the Welsh Government.

He also has the audacity to blame the Welsh Government for not allocating the Vale Council enough money, when at Local Government Reorganisation in 1994, it was the Conservative Government and Welsh Minister of the day that decided how much money should be allocated to the Vale when South Glamorgan was disbanded. Once again, our MP makes comments that are wildly inaccurate. I think he should start to deal with Westminster issues, burden the blame for his Government's action, and leave the Vale Council to do its job in looking after the people of the Vale, which is clearly not on his agenda.

*I wish everyone an enjoyable but safe time in the coming month and hope the weather allows all of us to enjoy the summer break.*

*Look out for all the good summer activities that the council is putting on at Barry Island and around the Vale.*

*Information on these events can be found in the local press and on our website [www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk).*

## 'Will one Vale fire engine be enough?' asks councillor

**A VALE councillor has hit out at Fire Service plans for the area.**

Independent councillor Richard Bertin is "not happy" with the proposals for Barry and says he will be taking the matter up with both Fire Service and union officials.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service has four stations in the Vale – at Barry and Penarth, manned 24 hours a day; Cowbridge, which is crewed during the day by fire-fighters and on-call during the evening; and Llantwit Major, crewed by fire-fighters from home or work.

Coun Bertin said: "It is understood that the average time to get from a fire station to an address in the Vale, is currently 6.5 minutes.

"There are about 54,000 homes and 5,500 miles of road, including part of the M4, serving the Vale," he pointed out.

"Two of the stations out of four to be affected

by the proposals are in Barry and Cowbridge. Proposal A is suggesting that Cowbridge will have on call fire-fighters; and Proposal B is suggesting only having one fire engine, instead of two based in Barry, with five full-time fire-fighters.

"The Fire and Rescue Service is claiming it has too many full-time fire-fighters in the Vale, despite the fact that the number of people living in the county is set to go from 127,000 to 137,000 in the next 10 years."

Coun Bertin, who represents Court ward in Barry, added: "I am really concerned about the proposals for the Vale of Glamorgan. Will just one fire engine, based in Barry, be enough to cope in an emergency?"

He urged the public to have their say by emailing [haveyoursay@south-wales-fire.gov](mailto:haveyoursay@south-wales-fire.gov)

• The GEM would also like to hear from you. See page 2 for contact details.

## PACT meetings

**COURT PACT**, at Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, on July 25 at 6pm.  
**GIBBONSDOWN PACT**, at Residents' Board office, 28 Coychurch Rise, Barry, on July 30 at 10.30am.  
**CASTLELAND PACT**, at Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, on

August 5 at 7pm.  
**ILLTYD PACT**, at Mount Sorrel Hotel, Portkerry Road, Barry, on August 8 at 7pm.  
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# 'Cut number of houses in LDP' – says councillor

**A Plaid Cymru councillor has called on the Vale Council to follow Cardiff's lead – and cut the number of houses to be built under the controversial 15-year Local Development Plan (LDP).**

The Vale Council rejected the draft LDP in January and a revised version is expected to be published later this year, but Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson said that the most important failing of the LDP was that it over-estimated the Vale's housing need.

After protests in

Cardiff about LDP proposals there, the target was cut by more than 4,000 houses.

Coun Johnson says that the Vale's revised LDP should also look for a cut because census figures show that population growth in the Vale has been lower than predicted.

He explained: "Plaid Cymru voted against the draft LDP in January because the proposals were to build more houses than were necessary."

"It was a case of leading the market rather than meeting local need, which is primarily for smaller and more affordable housing."

"There was a gap of

almost 40 per cent in the population increase in the estimates used for drawing up the LDP and those of the 2011 census.

"If we follow this through then we could end up building thousands of houses of the wrong type and in the wrong place."

"It is very important that we get this right in the Vale because of the type of services that we need to provide and the transport and infrastructure issues associated with population increase."

Coun Johnson said that in Barry, planning permission had been given for almost all of the major developments in

the original LDP – the Quays on the Waterfront, White Farm, Golwg y Coed at the top of Pencoedre Village and on Barry Island Pleasure Park.

He said: "Weycock Cross is practically the only part of the LDP in Barry for which permission has not yet been given."

"In addition to that, we have so-called 'wind-fall' sites which were unexpected, such as the Magistrates Court and new housing on Merthyr

Street, as well as turning offices into housing on Holton Road."

"The new LDP must re-assess the numbers of houses required in the Vale, as well as making a clear case that unnecessary plots of land can be removed from the new LDP without penalty."

"If the new LDP just rubber-stamps the housing number and land choices of the original version, then it will have been a waste of our time and money," Coun Johnson added.

## Council links up with Stonewall to counter homophobic bullying in schools

**THE Vale Council has joined up with Stonewall Cymru to tackle homophobic bullying in schools.**

The council has joined the charity's 'Education Champions' programme, which offers staff in Vale schools access to specialist support and advice on how to address homophobic bullying in primary and secondary schools.

An initial training session for schools is planned for October. Schools who are interested in developing this work further can join Stonewall's School Champions programme.

The cabinet member for chil-

dren's services, Coun Chris Elmore, said: "Through the Vale's collaboration with Stonewall Cymru, schools will be supported in their work to reduce homophobic bullying."

"I want to send a clear message to all young people across the Vale that if they feel they are subject to homophobic, or any other form of bullying, the council is doing all it can to stop the bullying and provide support to victims."

"By celebrating difference and challenging prejudice, work to promote anti-bullying can make classrooms happier and more welcoming places to learn."

## Bryneithin consultation

**THE Vale Council is inviting residents to air their views on the future of the Bryneithin site, as part of a public consultation.**

The council's priority is to identify a future use for the site that continues to help meet the needs of older people in the Vale.

The Bryneithin working group has identified what are believed to be the most viable options for the site – either a residential development for older people, or a care facility for older people.

However, while these options appear to be the most viable, the council welcomes residents' ideas and wishes to gain as many suggestions for the future of the site as possible to assist in meeting the needs of

older people in the Vale.

Two questions are being asked during the consultation:

1. What are your views on the Vale Council's plan to ensure the site will continue to help meet the needs of older people living in the Vale?

2. How do you feel the site could be used to meet the needs of older people living in the Vale?

The consultation period will last until September 13.

Residents can respond online at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/consultation), via the CIV contact centre or by writing to: Bryneithin Consultation, Corporate and Customer Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council, FREEPOST SWC2936, Barry, CF63 4GZ.

## Demand for action on nuisance calls - MP

**THE Vale's Conservative MP, Alun Cairns and Edinburgh's Liberal Democrat MP, Mike Crockart, recently launched the all-party parliamentary group (APPG) on nuisance calls.**

The Vale MP wants "more rigorous action" taken against commercial organisations who make nuisance calls and send unsolicited texts.

During a debate in Parliament in March, he highlighted one constituent who regularly received more than a dozen nuisance calls a day. He said he has also prepared legislation to prevent any commercial organisation from withholding their number.

The two MPs announced the all-

party group's intention to hold an inquiry into how best to deal with the worst excesses of the unsolicited marketing industry.

Mr Cairns said: "This is a significant issue, particularly for those who are at home during the day, many of whom are pensioners. It is not unusual for some to receive a dozen or more calls a day."

"The current process to complain is complicated and the laws are confusing. I have a 10-minute Rule Bill in November to force all non-domestic callers to display their number."

"This will help empower people to decide whether to answer the phone or not and to complain about them if necessary."



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# Cowbridge is all set to celebrate a decade of food and drink in style!

ONE of Wales' most popular food and drink festivals is preparing to mark its 10th anniversary in real style - with a host of guaranteed crowd pleasers added to the popular format.

Launched in 2004, the award-winning Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival takes place this year on October 26-27 and is gearing up to be the best event yet.

Thousands of food and drink lovers flock to the festival every year to sample some of the best in Welsh produce, as well as exotic fare from further afield.

High profile sponsors have been confirmed in the form of HSBC and Waitrose and this year's brand new wristband ticket system will provide benefits to both town traders and festival goers alike, as shops and bars are encouraged to offer discounts or added extras to those wearing them to draw them into their own establishments.

The ever-popular Champagne marquee will this year move to the bigger Vale Forge site while

the Kids' Zone promises to offer everything a little one could possibly want from a fun day out - all under one roof at Fun Foundations Nursery.

Outdoor activity to entertain the youngsters will also include a Scarecrow Trail around the town - courtesy of sponsorship from Liqueur Laces on Penny Lane.

Craft lovers will enjoy browsing the stalls of the craft fayre in the town hall and extra activities are also planned in the Bear Hotel.

The Fringe and Entertainment Zone will come together in The Old Hall Gardens, offering entertainment for all the family with musical performances, workshops, discussions and extra stalls to browse.

Run by a volunteer committee, the festival has grown in size from a small one day event to a weekend of festivities involving the whole town, while still retaining its signature intimate atmosphere.

Speaking about the 2013 Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, festival manager Polly Wilson said: "More than 12,000

visitors joined us last year and exhibitors considered Cowbridge the Best Festival of its size in Wales - in our tenth year, we're planning even bigger and better things!

"We've changed and developed several elements of the festival this year that we're sure will prove a hit with our visitors.

Combining The Food Fringe with the Entertainment Zone for example is an exciting prospect, and we'll be working closely with HubCowbridge in the run up to the event to co-ordinate.

"As stalls at the main site always sell out early, this will be a great opportunity for additional food-related businesses to take part and also offers an affordable platform for smaller, local producers to showcase their products - enhancing both visitor and local residents' experience of the festival, which can only be a good thing," Polly added.

## Family pay tribute to Miskin road victim

THE family of a 24-year-old pedestrian, who died in a road accident early on Saturday in Miskin, Dafydd Kidner, have paid a heartfelt tribute.

He was from the village of Gilfach Goch and had a three-year-old son. He was employed as a railman, maintaining tracks throughout south Wales and the west of England.

His parents Alan and Keryl, said: "Dav was a wonderful father, son, partner, grandson, brother, brother-in-law, nephew, uncle and friend.

"It is an understatement to say his death has completely devastated everybody who knew him. Dav was a hard working, much loved young man taken from us in the prime of his life.

"It is so tragic, he had everything to live for. We were and always will be



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"It is so tragic, he had everything to live for. We were and always will be

so proud of our son."

They also expressed their thanks for all the support and love they have received from family and friends at this difficult time.

South Wales Police are continuing to appeal for information about the incident, which occurred at around 1.30am on Saturday, July 20 on the A4119 at Miskin, just north of its junction to School Road.

The woman driver of the red Ford Focus involved in the collision has been helping police with their enquiries.

Anyone with information about the incident, should call 101, or Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555 111.

## Puppy walkers hand over charges for Hunt show...



THE Glamorgan Hunt held their puppy show in glorious sunshine, when visiting judges chose the best of the young hounds returning to kennels from their training with 'puppy walkers'.

Hunt staff are augmented this year by a very keen young apprentice!



## CHARITY GOLF EVENT

TEE off with Welsh Hearts at a charity golf day in Whitchurch Golf Club, Cardiff, in support of cardiomyopathy in Wales.

Shot gun start at 1pm on October 17. The competition will be a team stableford, with the best two scores to count on each hole; 3/4 handicap allowance; maximum handicap allowance, men 24, ladies 30.

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# TWO PLEASANT DAYS IN THE SUN!



## THE Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Barry recently hosted a successful fun day, followed the next day by Praise in the Park.

Pastor Ken Iveson told The GEM it had been a fantastic community partnership.

"We estimate the fun day attracted between one and two thousand

visitors and it was free for everyone.

"We were grateful to Waitrose, Barry, for once again helping us to obtain new equipment for the many youngsters, including Incey Winceys, Mums and Tots, Whizz Kids and Teen Total.

"We had puppet theatre gospel presentations from Bethel Baptist, our own youth pastor from Swansea

with his sketch board, and two young men from Sound of Wales, who played and sang to the enjoyment of many of our visitors.

"Children of all ages had a great time running races in the carefully marked out lanes.

"The great team of parents and supporters made sure no one felt overlooked.

"We want to thank Jon Greatrex, the incomparable Victoria Park manager once again for helping us to provide this fifth annual fun day."

One local woman, Mrs Susan Borges, wrote to Pastor Iveson and said: "It is the first time that I have been to this fun day and what a treat we had. My four-year-old granddaughter was with me and we had a marvellous time.

"It was a double surprise when my son was

rung last week to be told that my granddaughter Elin Borges had won the colouring competition. Once again thank you for a lovely afternoon."

## PARK PRAISE

Reporting on Praise in the Park, Pastor Iveson said: "It was a very special occasion and many people came to join in with the usual Mount Pleasant congregation – a few passers-by also came to the service and said how much they enjoyed it. "Jon and his team had some new deck chairs for the service. I hope the congregation don't expect this every Sunday!"

"We thanked God for our joy in being a church without walls with the following prayer: 'We thank you Father for this fellowship and the love that we can show each other

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# Graham's cycle challenge sets bar high!

EVERY year, The GEM receives reports of local people taking on charity challenges – and the bar is constantly being raised as people look for something that will stand out.

So, when we carried a report recently of Llancarfan's Graham Brain, and his marathon cycling tour of Britain, it took a while for the scale of his achievement to sink in.

After all, cycling challenges are quite common, and tend to attract fairly fit men and women – often keen cyclists who are at home on a bike.

You might not be Chris Froome or Sir Bradley Wiggins, but it is no place for Norm from Cheers!

So, just what possessed a 60-year-old man – whose weight had crept up past the 21 stone mark – to contemplate a John O'Groats to Land's End cycle.

Was Graham a keen cyclist in his past? No.

In fact, his experience on two wheels was on a motor bike, and that ended in a nasty crash at the age of 17, that left him with a broken ankle – and limited movement in the joint to this day.

However, he didn't

## Report by PHILIP IRWIN

settle for a straight line between those two points. He looked for other places he could aim for. He chose the easternmost point, the westernmost, the furthest from the sea, and even the highest point!

In the end, he criss-crossed the UK so much that the ride totalled more than 1,500 miles and raised more than £8,000 for the road safety charity Brake.

It was two years in the planning so Graham was 62 when he set out to cycle 50 miles every day, over 35 days, starting from Dunnet Head, via John O'Groats and to Land's End – with a multitude of diversions.

Graham told The GEM: "I started my training on an exercise bike, and it was September 2012 before I took a bike out on the road.

"Even then, the weather was so bad over the winter and spring that I really didn't do that much out of doors."

However, he must have worked hard on that exercise bike, because by the starting date, he had reduced his weight to 17 stone – a great improvement but still not the ideal cycling

build! Nevertheless, it was all down to Graham when he started in the far north of Scotland. Road Safety Support Limited, a not profit organisation, who work with ACPO, provided a support vehicle throughout the five weeks of the challenge but Graham had to do all the pedalling!

He told The GEM: "In many ways Scotland was the best – and the worst.

There were beautiful days riding through wonderful scenery, but it also included my two worst days."

This was due to Graham's determination to reach the highest point in Britain – Ben Nevis of course. It was not bike terrain, so he had to climb to the top, which was tiring enough, but he had an unexpected problem coming down!

He said: "My old ankle injury meant that it was really painful coming down. The ankle didn't flex for walking downhill – and I really struggled on that stretch."

Worse was to come on the following day, because he had to cycle from Fort William, at sea level, up Glen Coe



ABOVE: Graham was joined by family members, including grandchildren, for the final stretch to Land's End.



RIGHT: relaxing home in Llancarfan after his 35-day cycling effort.

and across Rannoch Moor, including 2,493ft of climbing.

He said: "After 10.5 hours the previous day on 'The Ben', I could hardly stand up and the following morning I had to stand on a step just to get onto my cycle.

"It was very tough, especially when you're totally exhausted at the start of a 50-mile day."

There were other tough times too, and in the final week of his ride, through Cornwall, general wear and tear and an "endless amount of hills" were a real problem.

Keeping Graham going through the tough times was his determination to help his charity, BRAKE.

He said: "Road safety charities don't get much

publicity, and after hearing what wonderful work BRAKE does in promoting road safety and in the support of victims and relatives of victims of road collisions, they seemed to me to be an obvious choice."

The trip left Graham with a great deal of sympathy for cyclists. He said: "I tried to avoid causing any congestion behind me by using the cycle paths/lanes if available.

"In saying that though, on some of the paths it was impossible to cycle, due to the poorly maintained surface or vegetation growing over it and I had to resort to getting back onto the carriageway.

"Some cycle paths I came across were ridicu-

lous, I would leave the carriageway and within less than 100 yards would be confronted with an 'End of Cycle Route' sign – which meant having to rejoin the carriageway again.

"I obeyed all the traffic signals I came to, unlike a lot of other cyclists I saw, just riding through a red light into the junction. It's no wonder that cyclists get a bad reputation."

He continued: "The vast majority of motor vehicles made allowances for me on my cycle but a small percentage didn't.

"In some cases I felt that I could have cleaned their nearside window with my elbow as they passed, and on a few occasions I had to brake hard as they came

around me, only to turn left directly in front of me!

"Other road users need to understand that a strong gusty side wind, while not affecting a motor car, will have quite an effect on a cyclist, just as a small pothole could easily dismount a cyclist but not be felt in a car.

"It's impossible to just cycle a straight line because of these."

However, the experience has left Graham with an appreciation of the joys of cycling, and he is planning to continue taking leisurely rides around the vale – as soon as his knee, which played up towards the end of the five weeks, is fully recovered.

Graham's enthusiasm

for road safety stems from working for Serco for 24 years, and he strongly believes that the company's main product makes a huge difference to road safety. That product – and at this point there is a chance that one or two readers may turn against Graham – is speed cameras!

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# Out and About with The GEM

## It's 'moth ado about nothing' on wildlife watch

ON Friday, July 26, the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales (WTSWW), along with experts from Butterfly Conservation and the Glamorgan Moth Group, will be running a moth trapping evening at

WTSWW's Cwm Colhuw reserve near Llantwit Major.

Moths are a rather under-appreciated group, particularly compared to their close relations, the butterflies. The UK has about 60 butterfly species, compared to more than 2,400 moths,

and many of the moths are at least as spectacular in appearance as butterflies.

During the moth trapping event, there will be a number of powerful light traps running on the reserve and we will be identifying the species that come to visit them.

Experts will be on hand to talk about this fascinating group of insects and open your eyes to the beautiful nocturnal creatures that exist in the countryside around us.

The event will run from 9pm until approximately 1am and is free, but booking is essential as the date may change if the weather forecast is unsuitable.

Anyone is welcome to go along and there is no obligation to stay until the end but please contact WTSWW's Conservation Officer at v.matthews@welsh-wildlife.org in order to book a place.

## What's on in and around your area

### Cowbridge concert

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir will hold its annual concert at Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Saturday (July 27) at 7pm, supported by the Vulcan String Quartet.

This year's performance includes the Hallelujah Chorus and tickets will be available at the door.

All the revenue from the concert will be used to enable the choir to support worthwhile charities.

### Model show

BARRY Tourist Railway is holding its first 'Big Barry, Big Scale Model Railway Exhibition' on July 27.

The modelling show will be officially opened at 10.30am by Coun Lis Burnett in the main station building and under a 60-metre canopy. The permanent outdoor Gauge 3 running track

will also be opened.

Entrance to the exhibition, adults £3, children (under 16) £2.

### Classic car rally

ON Sunday, July 28, the Barry Tourist Railway will be hosting the Big Barry classic car rally with the Glamorgan Classic Car Club at Barry Island Station on Sunday, July 28 from 10.30pm-4.30pm. Most of the cars date from the 1950s-70s, plus pre-war classics, military vehicles and motorbikes. Admission is free.

### ValePlus trip

VALEPLUS, the local charity that provides learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability, is running a trip to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Centre in Llanelli on Saturday, August 3.

This is a part of the introduction to bird-watching course, run in conjunction with the WEA, which many ValePlus learners recently completed.

The trip is open to all members, friends and family and costs £15, which includes the entry to the centre and activities. Meet in ValePlus in High Street, Barry at 10am, return by 4pm. Further details from Steve on 01446 746691.

### Dinas Powys fun run

ON Bank Holiday Monday, August 26, Dinas Powys Community Council is hosting a one-mile fun run to commemorate the opening of the new playground on Dinas Powys Common, which includes a new adventure area and outdoor gym.

The playground was built with financial support from the European Agriculture Fund, via the Creative Rural Communities Organisation.

The one-mile course follows the edge of the common and is ideal for families and runners alike. Prizes will be

awarded to the first home; male, female, under-12, and family, best fancy dress (family and individual). The race will start at 11am.

Download registration form at [www.dpvc-dinaspowys.com](http://www.dpvc-dinaspowys.com) or pick up from the post office/Parish Office. The community council will be donating all proceeds to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern.

### Village show

ALL arrangements are now in hand for this year's Dinas Powys village show on August 31.

There are 102 classes. Schedules are now available at libraries in Dinas Powys and Penarth; the two Post Offices in Dinas Powys; both chemist shops on the Cardiff Road and at Camms Corner; Brynawel Fuchsia and Garden Centre; Budgens, Cardiff Road, and the Community Council Office in Britway Road.

Further information from Val Hartrey on 029 2051 3274 or [val-hartrey@talktalk.net](mailto:val-hartrey@talktalk.net).

## Local historian publishes his second novel

Dr Jonathan Hicks, headteacher of St Cyres School, Penarth, and well-known to GEM readers as a local historian, has published his second novel.

Born in Barry, Dr Hicks received much acclaim for his first novel in the Thomas Oscendale series.

Set during the third year of the First World War, his debut *The Dead of Mametz* followed Captain Thomas Oscendale's efforts to arrest a murderer amongst the soldiers of the Welsh Division, who were poised to begin their assault on the German-held Mametz Wood.

Dr Hicks' sequel, *Demons Walk Among Us*, finds Thomas Oscendale fresh from the horrors of war on the Western Front and on leave in the coastal town of Barry, where he is drawn into the investigation of the savage murder of a war widow.

The novel paints a vivid picture of life in the trenches, as well as

life in the industrial towns of south Wales during the Great War.

*"Demons Walk Among Us* is set one year on from the first novel in the series," explained Dr Hicks.

"As 2014 marks 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War, there has been a burgeoning of interest in its history and I truly believe that a novel focused around a central character set in this time period will attract widespread interest. Crime novels set in the Great War are something of a rarity."

As well as a writer of fiction, Dr Hicks is also the author of four books on military history.

He won the Victorian Military Society's top award for an article from his first book, *A Solemn Mockery* in 2006, and was awarded the Western Front Association Shield in 2010 for an illustrated account of his hometown's military past, *Barry and the Great War*.

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# Out and About with The GEM

## World's End a fitting finale to comic trilogy

**W**HEN Edgar Wright and Simon Pegg, whose biggest claim to fame was cult sitcom *Spaced*, released their debut film, *Shaun of the Dead*, in 2004, nobody could have predicted the huge success the film would generate, with Pegg going on to provide comedic support in the likes of *Mission: Impossible 3* and *Star Trek*, while Wright became a Hollywood director with *Scott Pilgrim vs The World*.

The second part of their 'Cornetto' trilogy was 2008's *Hot Fuzz*, bringing them even greater acclaim and success, and the pair close out the trilogy with *The World's End*.

Pegg plays Gary King, who wants to reunite his old gang of friends (Nick Frost, Martin Freeman, Paddy

Considine and Eddie Marsan) to complete the 'Golden Mile' pub crawl in their old home town, something that they had failed to do in their youth.

However, as old tensions bubble to the surface, the feeling that something isn't quite right in the town escalates dramatically, as the five try to reach their final destination – the aptly-named *World's End*...

Given the amount of success Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright have achieved since *Shaun of the Dead*, you would have thought they would have been far too busy to knock out another homegrown comedy effort, and, if they could find the time to, the ensuing film would no doubt be compromised by their outside, and far more lucrative interests.

However, the pair have never been ones to shy away from giving their fans what they want, and *The World's End* makes a fitting finale to their trilogy, the film packed with laughs but with a



by GARETH JAMIESON  
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mature outlook that reflects on youth mispent and how we change, but coupled to an *Invasion of the Bodysnatchers*-esque plot that doesn't prove to be a step too far.

Their previous films have always matched high-concept with the grounded, and *The World's End* hits a similar vein, the science fiction backdrop playing a supporting role to the themes of friendship – and how life doesn't always give you everything you wanted or hoped.

In the lead, Pegg hits the same comedy notes you would expect, but matches the depth that his and Wright's script aims for, a performance highly comedic but always hinting at the sadness lurking below. His sidekick, Nick Frost, has always played the buffoon to Pegg's straighter character, but here the roles are reversed (for the first hour at least). It makes for a refreshing change of pace seeing the

dynamic switch, while the likes of Martin Freeman, Paddy Considine and Eddie Marsan are pitch-perfect alongside them.

With old faces from their previous films and *Spaced* popping up, it's easy to sense this is a line being drawn by the pair, and it is a fine note to go out on, if that is the case – with Wright's direction, all verve, fast-cuts and clever visual

tics – brimming with invention yet showing a degree of restraint. There is nothing here that doesn't hit the spot if you're a fan of the pair's work, but those who are not won't be converted by the end credits, while even their most ardent admirers may be a little disappointed at the way the climax peters out rather than ends with a bang.

However, *The World's End* is a likeable, funny film that makes for an entertaining experience.

**VERDICT:** Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright's 'Cornetto' trilogy is 'topped' off nicely (I couldn't resist) with *The World's End*, a funny film that manages to balance laughter with pathos and body-snatching! With a well-tuned cast, and Wright's strong direction, the film is well worth a watch. **Recommended.**  
**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Paul* (2011), *Shaun of the Dead* (2004).

## Welsh Rock Choir members join the 'Rockies' at O2 Arena!



**ROCK** Choir members from Cardiff, Penarth, Bridgend, Cowbridge, Pontyclun and Neath, enjoyed their biggest 'gig' yet, when they joined more than 12,000 fellow 'Rockies' at London's O2 Arena.

Rock Choir is the UK's largest and most popular contemporary choir, with more than 16,000 members in over 250 communities.

Founder and director Caroline Redman Lusher and 60 Rock Choir leaders who run weekly singing sessions across the UK were on stage to perform with the choir.

Local Rock Choir leaders Stephanie Bailey and Katie Thomas said: "We worked really hard

rehearsing for this fantastic event and it was all worth it. I'm so proud of everyone and it was great to see our flags and banners flying.

"Being able to sing with thousands of other Rock Choir members in such a huge and iconic arena was hugely uplifting and inspiring. The sound was just incredible."

A poignant moment came when Sarah Godwin, whose son Quentin went missing 21 years ago, talked about her search for him.

She told the packed arena how with the support of Rock Choir, the charity Missing People had offered a lifeline to her and her family.

For more information visit [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com) or telephone 01252 714 276.

## Laurie's hike

**MR LAURIE BROPHY, aged 81, is fundraising for Y Bont – by taking part in an unaccompanied 177-mile hike.**

The Offa's Dyke trail passes through eight counties and crosses the border between Wales and England more than 20 times.

"I will carry a sleeping bag and will sleep wherever I feel tired enough, bunkhouses are available for bad weather but I will try not to use them. I will carry a bivvy bag for dew and drizzle; food will be available from villages and pubs along or near the path," Laurie said.

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# RAF CELEBRATES ITS PROUD LOCAL LINKS AT MoD St ATHAN



The 75th anniversary cake.

RAF personnel past, present and future, gathered at MoD St Athan on July 9, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the continued occupancy of the RAF and No 4 School of Technical Training at the site.

A number of visitors were ex-boy entrants who had chosen to make the date to coincide with their annual reunion. Some had even come from as far afield as Canada. Many high ranking officers, who had St Athan connections, including Air Officer Wales, Air Commodore Williams and ex-St Athan Commanding Officer, now Group Captain Rob Woods, were also in attendance, together with local dignitaries and Vale MP Mr Alun Cairns.

The day began with a meet and greet and the chance to view some RAF history in Harlech Flight. This building was remembered by many as the former Sandes Club and brought back many happy memories for many an ex-Serviceman or woman.

Everyone then moved to the Station's Astra Cinema where the current Station Commander, Wing Commander Paul Regan, gave a welcome brief and overview of MoD St Athan today.

Other events throughout the day included a service in the Station Church, now a multi-faith centre, to mark the occasion.

This was well attended and to accommodate the 600 plus people, the doors which join the church to the gymnasium had to be opened.

The address was made by Rev Colin Richards, the (St Athan) Military Wives Choir sang accompanied by the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band and the soloist for the service was Mrs Wendy Kupinski.

Children from Wick and Marcross School also attended, along with the Normandy Veterans

Association.

Following the service, there was the opportunity to view the many different aspects of military life at St Athan, past, present and future. In the stone gym, different trade groups had set out stands demonstrating the most up-to-date training methods alongside some of the older equipment that the RAF has used.

Former Instructor, John Lynch, said: "It has been a wonderful opportunity for me to come and see what has transpired there since I left over 26 years ago.

"I was surprised to find that Electrical Training Flight (ETF) training continues in the same hangar that I was responsible for all those years ago.

"I received a very warm welcome by everybody and enjoyed a tour of the present day training facilities.

"It was most interesting also to see the developments in the Principles Flight, as I had taken up a related teaching role at a local college on leaving the RAF at St Athan.

"I was made very welcome by the staff and it made my day to meet one of them who started his Direct Entry Technician course while I was at ETF."

RAF Careers were able to show all the current roles in the RAF today and explain the modern recruiting process. The centre piece display was a full size replica Spitfire which proved as popular with the younger visitors as it did with the more mature ones who could remember them flying.

At 2pm, there was a formal parade that had the veterans parading alongside. Serving Airmen of the present and Air Cadets, who will be the next generation.

Parade Commander Flight Lieutenant Dave Nash carried the Wilkinson Sword, which was loaned to the station to mark the event. The Wilkinson Sword is owned by the Vale of Glamorgan and was a gift to the borough when



RAF Falcons arrive.

RAF St Athan was granted the Freedom of the Borough in May 1974.

Officer Commanding No 22 (Training) Group, Air Vice Marshal Mike Lloyd, took the salute, with a flypast by a Hawk Aircraft from RAF Valley.

AVM Lloyd then reviewed the troops, taking the opportunity to speak to several from each of the contingents. There was also a flyby by a VC10 and a De Havilland Hornet Moth.

The event concluded with a spectacular jump by the RAF Falcon parachute display team.

Mayor of the Vale, Mrs Margaret Wilkinson, was invited to join Wing Commander Regan to take the salute before being introduced to the team.

## Background

The Ministry of Defence purchased land from local farms at Eglwys Brewis in June 1936.

However, Eglwys Brewis was not to be the allocated name for the new camp, as it was generally assumed that RAF St Athan would be easier to pronounce.

The building work commenced in 1938 with an RAF hospital and throughout the year a perimeter track was laid and three grass runways. Keen to finish for occupancy, a recreation building was put up which housed an Astra cinema, large dance hall/gymnasium, three churches, a swimming pool and a large roller skating rink.

The first station commander, Group Captain E Brownson-Rice, also arrived in 1938 accompanied by the adjutant, Flight Lieutenant The Lord Dudley. In addition, the first party of 25 airmen transferred from

2 (Training) Wing at RAF Henlow.

Despite the accommodation being 'basic', each hut was allowed a single wireless (radio) at the cost of one penny per man per week.

Added to this, the airmen had to pay sixpence a week towards a ticket home when they had leave, four shillings a week to their family allotment, plus sixpenny haircut tokens and all this from a wage of two shillings a day.

Less than a year after the gates to the camp opened they received a visit from the Prime Minister, Mr Neville Chamberlain (June 1939).

At 1100hrs on September 2 1939, an Air Ministry signal ordered the general mobilisation of the RAF.

Two days later, war was declared and within the next two days over 1,300 airmen arrived. Everyone was ordered to send home all their civilian clothes – and even the Station Commander got involved in the sandbag filling.

In 1942, 4SoTT started training flight engineers on the Stirling, Halifax, Lancaster, Sunderland, Liberator and Catalina. By the end of 1943, the extremely high casualty rate on Bomber Command operations meant that there was a huge demand for flight engineers.

At the height of the war, there could be as many as 5,000 flight engineers training at St Athan at any one time, with 500 at a time completing their training.

After the war, the station continued working on its geographical divide, with the West Camp home to the maintenance units whilst the East Camp continued as



The Station Commander arrives at the church.



Meeting members of the Association.

the home of No 4 School of Technical Training.

Over the years, it has also been home to the Driver Training School, RAF Mountain Rescue Unit, Aircraft Recovery and Transportation and at its height was home to over 14,000 personnel.

Therefore, it was no surprise that more than 300 veterans returned to meet up with old friends, relive their youth, and to visit 4SoTT and see the changes made in training techniques and technology over the years.

Report by JANE BISSETT



Group Captain Rob Woods chats to veterans.

## New priest Melanie sports red!

**MANCHESTER-born Melanie Prince has taken over as priest-in-charge at Porthkerry and Rhose from Rev David Treharne, who has moved to Tidenham (St Mary) with Beachley and Lancut in the diocese of Gloucester.**

Melanie was licensed in a special service at St Peter's Church, Rhose, by the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, David Wilbourne, last week.

During her first year at Lampeter University Melanie felt God was calling her to serve as a

minister and switched courses from ancient history and archaeology to theology.

"I was the first person from my family to go to university and growing up on a council estate in Manchester meant that I thought being a vicar was something that old, posh blokes did!" said Melanie.

"I thought vicars were nice and they weren't distant to me, I went to Sunday school and church youth groups, but it just wasn't something that I thought someone like me would do."

The lifelong Manchester United fan and Star Trek enthusiast moves to the parish of Porthkerry and Rhose

from Llantwit Major, where she was team vicar for five years. Prior to that she was curate at Gabalfa for seven years, and before that she was curate at Aberavon for three years.

When Melanie isn't wearing her dog collar, she might well be wearing her Star Trek outfit as she attends conventions around the country with her husband Darren (44), a university lecturer and their two daughters Hannah (12), and Naomi (eight).

Melanie is now looking forward to getting to know her new parishioners: "My main plan is to get to know our new church family and to work out the way for-

ward together. I am not coming here with any preconceived ideas of what I am going to do – we will work it out together."

She will serve at St Curig's Church in Porthkerry and St Peter's in Rhose.

Melanie will also work closely with Archdeacon Peggy Jackson, priest in charge of the neighbouring parish of Penmark with Llanfarcian and Llantrithyd in a cluster arrangement.

This follows recommendations from the Church in Wales review, with the two parishes now sharing and rationalising resources for their mutual benefit.



# NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS FROM YSGOL GYMRAEG DEWI SANT



## Fun and games on the school's sports day as the sun shines

YSGOL Dewi Sant held its second sports day recently on the sports field and, thankfully, this year the sun was shining!

The pupils in nursery, reception and year-1 were all placed in their houses and wore red, blue, green and yellow in order to identify the teams.

All of the races were fiercely competitive, as the pupils were keen to show off their skills in running competitions, bouncing races, obstacle races and the finale of a relay race with water.

During a break, all of the pupils were rewarded with ice pops and cold drinks.

The event in Llantwit Major was very well supported by parents and grandparents, who enjoyed the sunshine and cheered everyone on.

**RHIAN SAMUEL**



## Looking back on exciting times



AS the school reaches the end of only its second year, the children and staff at Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant have been looking back at all of the exciting activities that have been going on.

We watched the eggs hatch in the incubator and enjoyed looking after the chicks. We grew vegetables in the garden to cook with and we welcomed a visit from some friendly owls on our wildlife day.

The PTA organised a sponsored circuits day where we kept fit by running around an obstacle course all day.

We made dens in the outdoors to provide shade from the sun, before making natural crowns from the twigs, leaves and moss that we collected.

Since the weather has been so warm recently, we decided to treat ourselves by making fruity lollies to help cool us off. Last week, the nursery class took their teddy bears for a picnic, where we sang songs and played games. So much fun!

We're looking forward to coming back in September after a well-deserved break! Places are now available for nursery places at the Llantwit Major school.

**RS**





# SCHOOL CHARITY DAY RAISES 'INCREDIBLE' £1,265 FOR THE LATCH CHILDREN'S CHARITY



The school in good voice.



The sellers get busy.

**ST CYRES school recently held its annual charity fundraising day after the final lesson of the day.**

The whole school got together and worked as a team for LATCH.

The atmosphere in the yard was electric, as dozens of tables were set up selling a range of items and refreshments.

Some pupils held quizzes they had designed and there were fashion stalls with an assortment of clothing, jewellery and face-painting.

Inside the gym, year-9 pupils organised a dodgeball event and teams were encouraged to sign up for a small fee. Shaquille Coles of year-7 won the 'keepy-uppie' event with a score of over 300!

Luckily, the weather was perfect and the 'Soak the Teacher' area proved one of the most popular attractions, as pupils were able to have fun with some of their favourite teachers who braved the icy water and sponges aimed at their heads!

Alexis Richards in year-10 had a great idea to use the charity day as an opportunity to de-clutter her bedroom and raffled a large collection of cuddly toys, together with friends selling cakes, which altogether

raised over £40. Pupil donations for the treat of wearing non-uniform clothes for the day were collected in the morning and many pupils visibly demonstrated their support for LATCH by wearing the colour purple – while a few pupils struggled in the heat by wearing furry animal onesies!

This alone raised over £500; but following all of the activities, pupils increased the grand total to an incredible £1,265.80.

The whole event was filmed for St Cyres TV and an edited version can be watched via the school website

www.stcyres.org, by clicking on the SCTV link.

LATCH was voted for by pupils as this year's charity from a list of 10 local charities.

## Signing choir

**ON July 10, the signing choir from St Cyres School performed at the ASDA store in Cardiff Bay.**

Years 7, 8 and 9 and everyone practised hard to perfect three songs. Thanks to the generosity of shoppers visiting the store, we were able to raise £104 for the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. This money will now be used to train a puppy, and we will be regularly updated on its progress. **SB**

## ART ON THE STATION...



Art at the Travellers cafe/gallery

**VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists) group is back with a new exhibition, 'Splash' at the Travellers in Mind cafe/gallery, Barry Railway station.**

The exhibition is open on weekday mornings only, until September 13.



## Bracken and Bronte lead group ramble through Cosmeston

**SEVEN Penarth and District Ramblers joined Joy, Bracken and Bronte at Cosmeston in very warm sunshine – with only a hint of a breeze – to enjoy an evening ramble that took in the delights of the country park.**

The area was once medieval farmland but because underlying natural springs kept the land wet and boggy, growing crops was not easy. Between the 1890s and 1970, Cosmeston was a commercial limestone quarry serving the concrete factory where the Schooner stands; but the area constantly had to be pumped dry and following the factory closure and the pub being built, the pumping stopped.

The quarry was allowed to fill with water and the park was developed, which is now enjoyed by locals and visitors.

Leaving the main car park, the group walked past the thatched buildings of the medieval village, discovered when the park was being excavated, and crossing Mile Road entered a field where the ruins of the old columbarium or dovecote stand, which is very interesting because of its ruined state, the nesting boxes on the inside can be clearly seen.

Enjoying the slight breeze, the group had glorious views across farmland down towards Barry before dropping downhill, crossing the wooden footbridge over the Sully Brook to make their way onto a path at the rear of Cogan Wood, where the shade was appreciated.

Exiting into a valley, they passed the dipping pond and entered one of the huge enclosed grass and flower meadows where the temperature suddenly became very humid before re-crossing

Mile Road into a second enclosed meadow.

Exiting through a gate, they chatted to two female horse riders out enjoying the balmy weather, before the group entered cool woodland.

They reached a bench by the rungs where scripted shapes are carved into wooden posts, which form letters, or have particular meanings that act as an alphabet to translate messages. Continuing on, they reached the old bearded man carved out of a tree trunk, before crossing the top quarry and taking the main pathway back through Cogan Wood to re-emerge in a meadow and return to the car park.

On July 27, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a nine-mile easy/moderate walk at Merthyr Mawr and Newton; contact Val on 01446 734925.

On August 1, the evening ramble will leave Penarth cliff top car park at 7pm for a four-mile easy/moderate walk taking in Cosmeston and the disused railway line; contact Ann on 029 2040 7319.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

**JOY STRANGWARD**

## NEARLY NEW SALE

**THERE will be a sale of ladies' nearly new clothes in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on July 31, from 2pm until 3.30pm; admission 50p. All proceeds to charity.**

## SPOOKY TALES... PHANTOMS THAT WANDER RUINED ISLAND HOSPITAL

**THE limestone island of Flat Holm, (or Ynys Echni in Welsh), lies in the Bristol Channel, around four miles from Lavernock Point in the Vale of Glamorgan.**

It is classed as the most southerly point of Wales and is steeped in historical artifacts.

Flat Holm became a fortified island in 1869, after a visit from Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Batteries and stone barracks (to sleep up to 50 men) were erected to protect Bristol and Cardiff from the French Navy.

Flat Holm played its own unique part during World War Two, when 350 soldiers from the Royal Artillery were stationed on the island. To accommodate them, a radar station was built, and Flat Holm became an armed island for defence against the enemy with four small guns, searchlights and two bofor guns.

The separate defences included Castle Rock Battery, Farm House Battery, Well Battery and Lighthouse Battery, which ran from the northern to southern points of the island for protection.

The station at the heart of the island became part of the fixed defences, and was protected by shipping convoys between the island itself, Barry and Cardiff.

After the war, the works became redundant and were left to nature, although the helipad still remains at the island's core.

Also on the island are the remains of the Cholera Hospital, built in 1883, after three seamen from the steamship Rishunglys were abandoned on the island, because they were thought to have contracted cholera. Unfortunately, one of them later died.

They were given a canvas tent for shelter, a dubious means of accommodation on such an open and vulnerable island, prone to extreme weather and high winds.

The residents were outraged by this 'invasion', and lobbied Cardiff Council for compensation. They claimed that the presence of disease damaged their livelihoods and deterred people from visiting the island.

In 1896, the Marquis of Bute, who owned the island, agreed to lease the remaining land to Cardiff Corporation for £50 a year. They proceeded to build a solid isolation unit on the land unoccupied by the lighthouse and military, to keep this disease at bay.

It contained two six-bed wards and a nurse's room, so that care could be given to victims.

In 1893, three more sailors were

extradited to the isolation hospital on the island. They were from the SS Blue Jacket, a ship from Marseilles, and were named as Thomas Smith, an engineer, Robert Doran, and PJ Morris, who incidentally recovered.

The last person to die in the hospital was a victim of the bubonic plague, and was cremated and buried on the island in the late 19th Century.

The Grade II listed Victorian hospital, as well as the laundry block, closed in 1935. They remain derelict and on the Buildings at Risk Register to this day.

The eerie sight of a long-forgotten sailor seems to roam the cliffs of the island as if in search of his lost ship. Where could this sailor have come from, and why would he want to remain in an area far beyond his superficial world?

The creepy corridor of the ruined hospital seems to echo the footsteps of a deceased person, yet no physical body is performing these reverberations. Could the people of yesteryear be trying to urgently remind the living of the perils of disease?

The spectral image of a seemingly distressed nurse wearing an old fashioned uniform and headdress, seems to wander through the ruined walls of the old hospital.

Could this ghostly being be forlorn because her place of work is no longer in use, or just a restless soul vying to be remembered?

Chilling shouts for help have been heard from the raging sea at the dead of night, yet no physical person is ever seen in danger. Could the people from a bygone era be unknowingly causing panic amongst the living who mistakenly believe that somebody is drowning at such an untimely hour?

The phantom sight of a distinguished looking man has been witnessed patrolling around the Canon and Moncrieff Pit near the lighthouse.

Strange lights have also been seen here, and the chilling feeling of being watched by unseen eyes.

Could this gentleman be Thomas Barrett, the Master Gunner, who was stationed on the island to keep military equipment in working order in 1880s, or just another trick of the imagination?

**Fact or fiction? Only you can decide...**

**HAYLEY WILLIAMS**

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• I would like to thank Mr W E Dunn for his help with research to enhance my writing on such a spectacular island.



## All the fun of the country fair



by GLYN EVANS

**FONMON CASTLE** held a country fair recently and people were able to sample some of the wonderful produce from rural areas and meet members of the farming community.



## Man is jailed for dodging council tax

A CARDIFF man was arrested and taken to prison for 13 days, after repeatedly refusing to pay his Vale Council tax.

Peter Evans, of Havannah Street, Butetown, who had previously owned a property on Windsor Road, Penarth, had received a suspended sentence for culpable neglect and wilful refusal to pay a total of £1,218.57 at Cardiff Magistrates Court on January 24, 2013.

Magistrates ordered Mr Evans to pay £20 each fortnight to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Vale had the highest council tax collection rate in south Wales for the financial year 2012/13 at 97.6 per cent, an increase of 0.3 per cent on the previous year.

During the period April 1 2012 to March 31 2013, a total of 141 cases were considered serious enough to warrant committal action and the defaulters were summonsed to appear before magistrates.

Failure to attend resulted in a total of 101 arrest warrants issued by magistrates, of which 36 received custodial sentences.

A total of £210,000 was collected.

## Colwinston cycle stop-over

COLWINSTON is one of three Welsh villages among 51 in the UK taking part in a historic event – to recognise the contribution made by returning soldiers from World War I.

The Thankful Villages Run is a nine-day charity ride, taking place between July 27 and August 4, to present each community with a slate plaque, to commemorate those fortunate enough to return home in 1918.

This Saturday, Dougie

Bancroft and Medwyn Parry – the two motorcyclists behind the charity ride – will be visiting Colwinston.

As well as recognising the debt paid by the young men who returned from the Great War, the Thankful Villages Run aims to raise £51,000 in aid of the Royal British Legion.

The two men will visit every village to present residents, who include descendants of those who survived the Great War, with a commemorative slate plaque and certificate.

Full details of the route can be found at: <http://www.thankfulvillagesrun.com/schedule.php>.

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# A clean sweep for the enchanting village of Gileston!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village competition is 60 years old this year, and after a busy couple of weeks of judging, the winners were announced at a special awards evening in Ystradowen Village Hall.

There were whoops of delight as the chief judge announced that Gileston had swept to victory.

Mrs Rosamund Davies said: "Gileston is a most enchanting village which gives you a lovely welcome with the signposts being underplanted with roses at both ends of the village. You immediately felt you wanted to explore further."

The second prize went to Llanmaes, third prize went to Wenvoe, and fourth prize to Pendoylan.

Gileston also won the prize for their Diamond Jubilee entry, which features four crowns for four seasons.

Wenvoe and

Gileston both received prizes for the special village feature each had entered. Wenvoe is developing a Welsh orchard with a specialist herb garden, using the types of herbs that were used by the physicians of Myddfai.

Gileston has decorated two derelict buildings with flowers, to add to the beauty of the centre of the village.

The committee chairman, Irena Wasilewska, stressed the debt of gratitude that is owed to sponsors over the years.

She thanked current sponsors – Vale of Glamorgan Council, community and town councils, Cowbridge Compost, LGA Birkett, AG Adams, The National Trust at Dyffryn Gardens, and Ffos Las Racecourse.

She also thanked the supporters who regularly help with the awards evening, and those who donated raffle prizes, including a gift from Leekes.



First prize – Gileston – villagers with the BKV Cup.



Second prize – Llanmaes, Jackie Simpson.



Third prize – Wenvoe, Phil Morant.



Fourth prize – Pendoylan, Judith Roberts.

## Arctic Star update

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# Classes well supported at Llancarfan Show

AFTER a one-year break and a few months of planning, the 2013 Llancarfan village show was staged on July 13 in Llancarfan Village Hall, St Cadoc's church, a marquee erected behind the hall, and four smaller gazebos.

Two of the gazebos were used to promote the Llancarfan Community Cinema run by Jim Barratt which has just finished its first successful season, another housed the Llancarfan Society plant stall run by Kay and Lucy Brain, and the remaining gazebo was used to provide fun and games for the younger visitors which was organised and run by Jane Williams.

Unfortunately, the number of entries in the fruit and vegetable classes was down on the previous show in 2011, but this was due to the very poor weather experienced at the start of the year, with the growing season slipping a good six weeks.

However, despite this, most other classes were well supported and by 10:30am all entries were in their places around the show site, awaiting the judges' decisions.

The panel of judges patiently examined and/or tasted all the entries and winners and runners-up in each of the classes were decided.

Prior to the show opening to the public, the judges and stewards were treated to an excellent lunch in the village hall which had been prepared by Melinda Thomas and her mum Sandra who made the most wonderfully light coffee cake.

With the fantastic weather, many residents from the village and surrounding areas attended and enjoyed the village event.

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale, once again attended and together with Jim Barratt, the vice-chair of the Llancarfan Society, presented the cups to the overall winners.

The village show, again was a huge success and this would not have been possible without the chair of show Sue Taylor and the show committee, but special thanks must go to Anne Ferris the show secretary for the meticulous planning and organisation who was presented with a beautiful bunch of flowers by Alun Cairns, in recognition of her outstanding effort.

Roll on next year's show!

## LIST OF WINNERS

1 Rose: Gary Osborn; 3 Roses: Mike Crosta; Orchid: Diana Atkin; Mixed Foliage: Joann Quelch; Mixed Flowers: Fran Winterbottom; pp Flowering: Kay Gay; Succulents/Cacti: Jo Ford; Herbs: Jo Ford; Sweet Peas: Alison Hannaby; Arr. Pot Luck: Angie Evans; Arr. Welcome to World: Audrey Baldwin; Arr. Waste Not Want Not: Melinda Thomas; Arr. My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding: Melinda Thomas; Arr. Get Me To The Church On Time: Sheelagh Lewis; Soft Fruits: Kay Brain; Any Other Fruit: Ann Ferris; Rhubarb: Kay Gay; Courgettes: Nicola Gibson; Beetroot: Sally Mills; Lettuce: Ann Ferris; Savoury Flan: Jan Crosta; Raspberry Bakewell: Kay Gay; Victoria Sponge: Kay Gay; Apple Tart: Kay Gay; Cup Cakes: Kay Gay; Loaf of Bread: Mrs CM Merrett; Welsh Cakes: Harriet Kemp; Sausage Rolls: Jan Crosta; Bara Brith: Michelle Lewis; Men, Any Cake: Jim Barratt; Jar of Marmalade: Sarah Angel; Jar of Chutney: Kay Brain; Handicraft - model: Derek Porter; Knitting: Sandra Marsh; Embroidery: Jean Jenkins; Painting Still Life: Albert Walker; Painting Seasons: Mrs CM Merrett; Painting Abstract: Mrs CM Merrett; Greeting Card: Mary Gammon; Photo British Country: Mrs CM Merrett; Photo Bridge: Graham Brain; Photo Glorious Oze: Sue Taylor; Garden in Box under-8: Arianne Barratt; Garden in Box over-9: Dylan Barratt; Arr. Man in Moon 90: Ruth Kell; Vegetable Animal: Jack Taylor; Art, Courage 4 - 6: Isabelle Spencer; Art, Respect 7 - 9: Evie Weir; Art, Courage/Respect 10 - 14: Megan Haskell; Poem Respect u-9: David Heselton; Poem Courage/Respect 100: Jessica Taylor; Cup Cakes: Lowri Owen; Photo Village: Megan Haskell.

## TROPHY WINNERS:

Junior Cup, most points in competition - Megan Haskell.

The Hedley S Gay Cup, best Junior entry - Daniel Heselton.

Michael Angelo Award, best painting Junior - Megan Haskell.

Adult Cup, most points in competition - Kay Gay.

Frank Taylor Cup, best entry in Craft section - Sandra Marsh.

Richard Ferris Salver, best entry in Vegetable section - Sally Mills.

Alan Taylor Trophy, best entry in Flower section - Fran Winterbottom.

RHS Banksian Medal, best entry Flower and Vegetable section - Fran Winterbottom.

Baking and Preserves section Best Entry - Kay Gay.



## TEA DANCE CHEQUE FOR MARIE CURIE HOSPICE



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Members of the Penarth Tea Dance Association attended a party at the Paget Rooms during Penarth Festival where cakes were enjoyed, thanks to Tesco Express Penarth.

During the afternoon, a cheque was presented to a representative from Marie Curie hospice in Penarth in support of their good work.



# FAMILY EVENT GETS YOUNGSTERS TACKLING A VARIETY OF SPORTS

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The mini burn is put together with families in mind, but nevertheless it involved around two hours of effort to complete the course.

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# Barry Town United start pre-season with two wins

**BARRY Town United began their pre-season campaign with a 1-0 win at Moreton Rangers in the Cotswolds.**

In spite of the turbulent events of the summer, Barry were able to field no fewer than 10 men who played in last season's Welsh Cup semi-final against Prestatyn Town; among them forward Ryan Jenkins, midfielders Michael Hartley and James Saddler and defender Lee Baldock.

Played in near-unbearable heat, the match was nonetheless an entertaining one; Barry showing great appetite and playing some good football, in front of a sun-kissed crowd.

The difference was made shortly after the break, when defender Lewis Grant found himself in a forward position and deftly beat the Moreton goalkeeper with an intelligent, right-footed finish.

With Barry remaining organised in spite of the energy-sapping heat and stand-in goalkeeper Louie Barnfather doing enough to repel each Moreton attack, the 1-0 lead was maintained and Barry earned a first victory of the season, to the delight of their long-suffering travelling supporters.

After the match, fans and players alike received words of encouragement from Moreton manager, and former Barry Town boss, Gary Barnett.

Barnett expressed his hope that his current side would be able to come to Jenner Park next season, in order to continue the relationship between the sides.

## ELMORE 1 BARRY TOWN UNITED 5

On Saturday, Gavin Chesterfield took his Barry side to Tiverton, Devon for the second successive campaign.

Goalkeeper Dan Bradley returned to the starting line-up, with another long-time servant in Lewis Cosslett and evergreen veteran Damon Searle adding to a formidable Barry defence.

Meanwhile, there were debut appearances for Keir McNery (nephew of club historian Jeff McNery), Daniel Bell (brother of former Golden Boot winner Josh Bell) and Bradley O' Loughlin - each a product of the team's youth development programme.

Continuing where they left off the previous weekend, Barry played some smart football in the first half, and looked clinical in the all-important final third.

The opener came when forward Jordan Cotterill broke away from a defender and lifted the ball over the goalkeeper and into the net from 10 yards.

Cotterill would double his tally minutes later, capitalising on a sublime dummy by winger Dale Howarth and delivering another ruthless finish.

Strike partner TJ Nagi then got in on the act; receiving Cotterill's pass and cutting inside, eluding defenders, he fired into the bottom left-hand corner from the space he created.

After the interval, Barry continued to press for goals; McNery going agonisingly close with his very first touch.

Another homegrown talent, Thomas Case, would join the fray, making the day a family affair, with father Matthew as outstanding as ever in his role amongst the team's backroom staff.

The young Barry players integrated well with their more-experienced counterparts; a positive sign for the future, should a future for the team be permitted.

It was however two of last season's favourites who boosted Barry's goal tally to a famous five.

Howarth, chasing an apparent lost cause, battled his way to Barry's fourth, bamboozling the Elmore goalkeeper and scoring from close range.

It was then left to Grant to cap another encouraging display with his second in as many outings. Grant finished emphatically, and while Elmore would snag a late consolation, it would not tarnish a grand day out for the Barry players, staff and supporters.

**JENNER Park Stadium recently hosted Barry Comprehensive School sports day in glorious sunshine.**

Students from years 7, 8 and 9 competed varied events, varying from hurdles and sprints, middle distance jumps and throws, with the tug-of-war added to encourage all students to be involved in the first 'House' sports event.

The day proved to be a great success with keen competition between each House and year group.

Sixth form students were employed as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate experience to organise the tug-of-war event, and to run against a few select staff relay teams, with the well-trained sixth formers just edging a win.

Events ran smoothly throughout the day, overseen by Mr Hutton and his recording team; whilst Messrs Manley, Jones and Williams orchestrated events on the track and field. Students are already planning their teams for next year.

Well done to all students involved for their support and effort - and to all staff who gave time to officiate the events.

## Under-13 Vale Cricket

**Tournament**  
A TEAM of year-7 and 8 students from Barry Comprehensive School were victorious recently at the annual 8-a-side Vale of Glamorgan Schools Cricket Tournament.

In sweltering heat at the Barry Athletic ground, the boys set about their task by first defeating Cowbridge by 71 runs to 58, then St Richard Gwyn by 63 runs to 36 and finally losing their last group game to Stanwell by 15 runs.

The Barry Comprehensive team had scored more runs than their opponents in total to progress to the final to meet Llantwit Major.

After spending an already long day in the sun, the Barry team, ably led by Adam Sylvester as wicket keeper and in form with the bat, the team were put into bat where Sam Hopkins, Sion Spence and Evan Wells amassed a total of 74 runs in the allotted 8 overs.

Both Adam and Sam had to retire, as they reached their maximum of 25 runs each, a tough task for Llantwit to beat. Bowlers Cameron Stewart, Matthew Rowles and Sion Spence had to keep things tight, which they managed,



**The victorious Barry Comprehensive School under-13 cricket team: Sam Hopkins, Sion Spence, Evan Wells, Cameron Stewart, Oliver Bartlett, Adam Sylvester, Matthew Rowles and Alec Czynski.**



**Kane Williams, (year-8 hurdles winner) and Harry Carter.**



**Matthew Mayor (year-7) long jump.**



**Iwan Lewis (year-7) shot putt.**

with some determined fielding and boundary guarding led by Alec Czynski, Oliver Bartlett and Evan Wells.

Llantwit were restricted to just 63 runs in their 8 overs, giving a deserved victory to the Barry Comprehensive students.

Thanks must go to Mr Davies from Cowbridge for organising the very successful event and to Barry Athletic Cricket Club for hosting the day and allowing the use of their facilities.

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# Auction winners enjoy a tour of Parliament

**THE Vale MP Alun Cairns, recently hosted a Barry couple, Matthew and Suzanne Davies, who won the Commons visit in a charity auction, which raised money for Latch.**

Sixth form students at Barry Comprehensive, as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate studies, were set the task of organising a fundraising event for a charity.

Student Daniel Woolford contacted Alun Cairns to ask for support for their

fundraising event to raise money for LATCH, which helps children with cancer.

The MP ensured that Mr and Mrs Davies had a tour of the Houses of Parliament before meeting him on the terrace.

Mr Cairns said: "It was great to be able to welcome Matthew and Suzanne Davies to Westminster. I was so pleased to be able to help with the fundraising efforts of Barry Comprehensive's sixth formers. LATCH is such a worthwhile charity which helps children suffering from cancer."

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (UN-NAMED LANE (PART) WELSH ST DONATS) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2013

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

<b>Location</b>	The un-named lane that extends in a generally north easterly direction from St Donats Church at grid 302756 176205 to the junction at grid 302900 176293, adjacent to a property known as Woodlands. A distance of approximately 200m.
<b>Reason</b>	To allow essential water main renewal works to take place.
<b>Duration</b>	From 9.00am on Monday 5th August 2013 until 4.00pm on Friday 23rd August 2013.
<b>Alt. Route</b>	Diversion for southwest bound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the north eastern point of the closure in a generally southerly direction along Heol Mynydd to the junction at grid 302796 176048 adjacent to a property known as Forge Cottage, then proceeding in a northerly direction to the south western point of the closure, and visa-versa.
<b>NB</b>	Access for residents of the lane will be maintained at all times from one end of the lane or the other, and access for emergency vehicles will also be maintained.

Pedestrian Access will be maintained at all times  
**Dated this 25th day of July 2013.**

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Visible Services & Housing,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2013 GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) (LŌN DDLENW (RHAN YN UNIG), LLANDDUNWYD)

Bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddwygiedig), a phob pwr galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf saith niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad y Gorchymyn hwn i'r diben cyffredinol a nodwyd yn yr atodlenni isod: -

### ATOLDEN 1

Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru modur yn y lleoliad a nodwyd yn Atolden 2 isod.

### ATOLDEN 2

**Lleoliad** Y lôn ddienw sy'n ymestyn yn gyffredinol i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain o Eglwys Sain Dunwyd wrth grid 302756 176205 i'r gyffordd wrth grid 302900 176293, wrth ymyl eiddo a adwaenir fel 'Woodlands' - sef pellter o ryw 200m.

**Rheswm** Gwneud gwaith hanfodol ar y briff bibell dd\_r.

**Cyfnod** O 9.00am ar ddydd Llun 5 Awst 2013 hyd 4.00pm ar ddydd Gwener 23 Awst 2013.

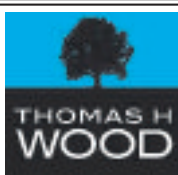
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Caiff cerddwyr hefyd fynediad i'r lôn drwy gydol yr amser.

**Dyddiedig 25 Gorffennaf 2013.**

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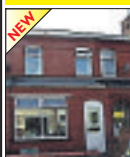
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- South Facing Gardens
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- Elevated Position
- Large Gardens
- Ideal Family Home

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#### Gwalch-Y-Penwaig



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- Three Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite
- Large Lounge
- Conservatory
- Quiet Location

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#### Tan-Y-Fron



- Traditional Semi Detached
- South Facing Gardens
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Room Extension
- Popular Garden Suburb
- Viewing Recommended

£189,950

#### Woodham Park



- Modern Detached Property
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Spacious Living Accommodation
- Four Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite
- Large 18ft Lounge

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#### Porthkerry Road



- Large Mid Terraced
- Four Storeys
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- West End Location
- Ideal Family Home

£210,000

#### Rutland Close



- Modern Detached Property
- Superbly Presented Throughout
- Quiet Cul De Sac
- Four Good Bedrooms
- UPVC Conservatory
- Large Gardens

£225,000

#### Cog Road, Sully



- Semi Detached Bungalow
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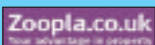
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**PHYLLIS STREET, BARRY**  
In need of modernisation. Living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast, family bathroom. To 1st floor: Three bedrooms. Further stairs to attic area with dormer window. Off road parking to rear. ER-E.  
**£84,950**



**WESTWARD RISE, BARRY**  
Three bedroomed traditional semi detached. Two rec rooms, ground floor bathroom. Three bedrooms master ensuite. Longer than average driveway. Detached garage, backing onto Porthceri.  
**£184,950**



**CHESTERFIELD STREET, BARRY**  
End of terraced. Three bedrooms. Through living room. Ground floor bathroom. upvc DG. Gas CH via 2013 combi. Enclosed low maintenance garden. Ideal first time buy.  
**£94,950**



**DANIEL STREET, BARRY**  
Three bedroomed. Semi detached. In need of modernisation. Through living room. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Side access. Enclosed rear garden. No chain. ER-C.  
**£89,950**



**HEOL ERYR MOR, BARRY ISLAND**  
Modern end of terraced. Two bedrooms. Ensuite to master. Living room, kitchen/breakfast, conservatory. Enclosed rear garden. Side access from rear garden. garage/driveway. No chain. ER-C.  
**£139,950**



**COLLEGE ROAD, BARRY**  
Spacious living. Living room, sitting room, dining room opening to modern kitchen. Fitted 28ft kitchen/breakfast. To 1st floor: Three bedrooms and family bathroom. To 2nd floor: 4th bedroom. Garden. ER-D.  
**£147,500**



**FRANCIS ROAD, BARRY**  
Semi detached. Two double bedrooms. Living room, kitchen/diner, conservatory, upvc DG. Gas CH. Spacious plot (room to extend subject to usual planning). Driveway. ER-C.  
**£133,950**



**CLOS MANCHELDOWNE, BARRY**  
Well presented. Two bedroomed, mid terraced traditional, living room, kitchen/diner. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway. Viewing highly recommended. ER-D.  
**£129,950**



**NARBERTH COURT, BARRY**  
Three bedroomed. End of terrace. No chain. Living room, kitchen/diner. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Enclosed rear garden. Rear access. Viewing highly recommended. ER-D.  
**£72,950**



**LEWIS STREET, BARRY**  
End of terraced. Through living/dining room, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom. Three double bedrooms. Enclosed rear garden. Minutes walk to Portherry Park leading to beaches. Viewing highly recommended. ER-F.  
**£134,950**



**ST OSYTH COURT, BARRY**  
End of link bungalow. Two bedrooms. Far reaching sea views and Portherry park. Covered balcony. Garden to side. Designated parking. Viewing highly recommended.  
**£148,500**



**MARINE DRIVE, BARRY**  
Imposing extended detached dwelling. Showhome presented. Panoramic sea views. Study, living/dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, wc, cloakroom, shower room/wc. Four bedrooms (master ensuite). Balcony. ER-E.  
**£449,950**



**LYNDALE, ROMILLY PARK DRIVE, BARRY**  
Imposing Edwardian semi bursting with original features. Three reception rooms. Fitted kitchen, utility, wc, stained glass feature windows. Balcony overlooking park. Garage. Lane access. Showhome presented throughout. ER-E.  
**£329,000**



**KINGSLAND CRESCENT, BARRY**  
Traditional semi detached. Five bedrooms (master ensuite). Three reception rooms. wc cloakroom. Family shower room. Off road parking to front. Original features. Well presented. Spacious living. ER-D.  
**£169,950**



**CHURCHFIELDS, BARRY**  
Modern semi detached. Kitchen to front. wc cloakroom, living room, two double bedrooms. Designated parking. Enclosed level garden. No chain. Cul de sac position. ER-D.  
**£119,950**



**GLAN Y DWR, BARRY**  
Well presented. Two double bedrooms, master en suite and spacious family bathroom. 15ft family bathroom. Ground floor. Designated parking. Security entry and alarm system. ER-C.  
**£115,500**



**TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY**  
Spacious mid terraced, bay fronted. Ideal family home. Three rec rooms. Four bedrooms. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. No chain. Garage/lane access. ER-D.  
**£147,000**



**WESTWARD RISE, BARRY**  
Stunning mid linked. Traditional. Three bedrooms. Two reception rooms, original block flooring. Enclosed level rear garden. Drive allowing parking. Viewing essential. ER-D.  
**£194,950**



**PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY**  
Stunning bay fronted, show home presented. Living room, dining room, sitting room with vaulted ceiling, wc shower room/utility. Three bedrooms. Enclosed rear level garden. Viewing highly recommended. Short walk to Porthceri Park. ER-E.  
**£219,950**



**PENCOEDTRE ROAD, BARRY**  
Victorian stone built, spacious detached, four reception rooms, two bathrooms, large corner plot. Front, side and rear gardens. off road parking. Gas CH via combi, upvc DG.  
**£214,950**



**LLYS PORTHKERRY, BARRY**  
Placed at beg. Porthceri Park. Luxurious living. Individually designed. Spacious accommodation. Kitchen/breakfast with granite tops, ground floor: Lounge, integral garage, gym, bed 3, 4 and 5/study, family bathroom/steam room. First floor: Further lounge, bed 2, shower room, master bed with ensuite bathroom. His and hers walk in wardrobes. Therapy room. Private enclosed garden. ER-E.  
**£490,000**



**LLYS PORTHKERRY, BARRY**  
Placed at beg. Porthceri Park. Luxurious living. Individually designed. Spacious accommodation. Kitchen/breakfast with granite tops, ground floor: Lounge, integral garage, gym, bed 3, 4 and 5/study, family bathroom/steam room. First floor: Further lounge, bed 2, shower room, master bed with ensuite bathroom. His and hers walk in wardrobes. Therapy room. Private enclosed garden. ER-E.  
**£490,000**



**LLYS PORTHKERRY, BARRY**  
Placed at beg. Porthceri Park. Luxurious living. Individually designed. Spacious accommodation. Kitchen/breakfast with granite tops, ground floor: Lounge, integral garage, gym, bed 3, 4 and 5/study, family bathroom/steam room. First floor: Further lounge, bed 2, shower room, master bed with ensuite bathroom. His and hers walk in wardrobes. Therapy room. Private enclosed garden. ER-E.  
**£490,000**



**THE HEATHERS, BARRY**  
Spacious modern detached. Four bedrooms, living/dining room, wc, cloakroom, study, kitchen/breakfast. Private enclosed rear garden. Double driveway in width. upvc DG. Gas CH. No chain. ER-D.  
**£192,500**



**CLOS Y WYLAN, BARRY**  
Well presented town house. lounge/dining room/ kitchen area. Three bedrooms, two ensuites. Family bathroom. Enclosed garden. garages. ER-C.  
**£179,950**



**HILARY RISE, BARRY**  
Very well presented. Modern semi detached. Constructed approx 25 years. Three bedrooms, living/dining room, fitted kitchen. Side, front and rear gardens. 2012 upvc DG. ER-D.  
**£119,950**



**FALCON ROAD, BARRY**  
Semi detached. Modern three bedrooms, upvc DG. Gas CH. Through lounge/dining room. Driveway. Ample parking. Enclosed rear garden. ER-D.  
**£129,950**



**OLD PORT ROAD, WENVOE**  
Two bedroomed. Detached bungalow. Living room, family bathroom, double garage. Placed off Port Road. No chain. ER-G.  
**£319,950**



**PORTHKERRY LEISURE PARK, RHOSCE**  
Static park home. Refurbished throughout. one bedroom, living room, double bedroom, shower room, decked sun terrace. Sea views. patio area. No chain. Able to live all year without vacating.  
**£49,950**



**HEOL CORSGIWEN, BARRY**  
Three bedrooms. Modern detached - Llanmor Homes. Sitting room (converted garage), living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, wc. Master bedroom with ensuite. Double driveway with parking. ER-C.  
**£194,950**



**JENNER ROAD, BARRY**  
Spacious ground floor apartment. Versatile living. Three bedrooms. Sea views from living room. Beautifully kept rear garden. Gas CH via combi. upvc DG throughout. No chain. ER-D.  
**£108,000**



**WINDSOR ROAD, BARRY**  
Five bedrooms, living room, dining room, original features throughout. Kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, wc, cloak. Viewing essential. West End location. ER-E.  
**£204,950**



**SEALAWNS, BARRY**  
Far reaching sea views. Well presented. 2nd floor apartment. Living room, two bedrooms, kitchen, shower room, garage/parking. Viewing recommended. ER-E.  
**£124,950**



**TREM Y DON, BARRY**  
Spacious corner position. Extended detached. Four bedrooms. Living room, dining room, two conservatories. Sunken pool, summerhouse housing hot tub and bar (to remain). Ample parking.  
**£329,950**



**HEOL GWENDOLINE, BARRY**  
Ground floor. Two bedroom apartment. Kitchen with appliances. Living room. Designated parking. No chain ER-C.  
**£89,950**



**LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY**  
Modern detached. Five bedrooms. Spacious family home. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/diner - integrated appliances, offered with no chain. Driveway/garage. Views overlooking the Vale. ER-D.  
**£299,950**



**LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY**  
Modern detached. Five bedrooms. Spacious family home. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/diner - integrated appliances, offered with no chain. Driveway/garage. Views overlooking the Vale. ER-D.  
**£299,950**



**DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY**  
Quaint semi detached (previously cottage) dating back to approx 1886. Sympathetically renovated over the years by present owners. Kitchen with oak worktops, two bedrooms, master to ensuite. Drive to front.  
**£154,950**



**DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY**  
Quaint semi detached (previously cottage) dating back to approx 1886. Sympathetically renovated over the years by present owners. Kitchen with oak worktops, two bedrooms, master to ensuite. Drive to front.  
**£154,950**



**HEOL BROADLANDS, BARRY**  
Corner positioned. Three bedrooms, modern detached. Living room, kitchen/diner, enclosed garden. Garage. ER-C.  
**£174,950**



**PURDEY CLOSE, BARRY**  
Enviably plot. Three bedrooms. Semi detached. Larger than average garden. Ample room to extend (subject to usual planning consent). Driveway for many cars. No chain. upvc DG. Gas CH. ER-D.  
**£139,950**



APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 31 July 2013

 Vale of Glamorgan Council
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  Newydd Housing Association
  United Wales
  Vale and Tafel Housing Association


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 Civic Offices Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or  
**Newydd Housing Association**  
 121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

**AMHERST CRECENT, BARRY**

H4U reference 200375  
 Suit for a single person or couple over 55  
 • One-bed bungalow  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Community alarm  
 Rent £93.51 per week including alarm and water charges  
 Not suitable for applicants with mobility issues

**ARTHUR DAVIS COURT, BARRY**

H4U Reference  
 Suit for a single person or couple over 55 - no pets  
 • One-bedroom flat  
 • Ground floor  
 • Double-glazing  
 • Gas central heating  
 • Gardens/parking  
 Rent £108.77 per week including service charges

**BUTLEE COURT, BARRY**

H4U reference 1042031  
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement  
 • Three-bedroom flat  
 • Second floor  
 • Central heating  
 • Double glazing  
 Rent £91.24 per week

**CATHERINE MEAZEY, BARRY**

H4U Reference 237756  
 Suitable for a single person over 55  
 • Studio apartment  
 • Ground floor  
 • Central heating  
 • Double-glazing  
 • Community Alarm  
 Rent £88.13 per week including water and alarm charges  
 Suitable for applicants with low level mobility issues

**CRESSWELL COURT, BARRY**

H4U reference 206214  
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement  
 • Three-bedroom house  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Gardens  
 Rent £97.63 per week including water charges

**DALE COURT, BARRY**

H4U reference 206989  
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement  
 • Three-bedroom house  
 • Central heating  
 • Double-glazing  
 • Gardens  
 Rent £98.07 per week including water charges

**DENBIGH COURT, PENARTH**

H4U reference 988591  
 Suit for a single person or couple over 55  
 • One-bed bungalow  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Gardens  
 Rent £95.34 per week

**DUNLIN COURT, BARRY**

H4U reference 998972  
 Suit for a family meeting the max occupancy requirement - no pets  
 • Two-bedroom flat  
 • First floor  
 • Double glazing  
 • Gas central heating  
 Rent £77.09 per week including service charges

**FFORDO ELIN, BARRY (2)**

H4U reference 985475  
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement  
 • 2 x Three-bed houses  
 • Gas central heating  
 • Double glazing  
 • Gardens/parking  
 Rent £89.48 per week including service charges

**GWYN JAMES COURT, PENARTH**

H4U Reference 988524  
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 • First floor (no lift)  
 • Double-glazing  
 • Gardens/parking  
 • Scheme co-ordinator  
 Rent £103.94 per week including heating, water and service charges

**HANOVER COURT, BARRY**

H4U reference 1080291  
 Suitable for a single person or couple over 60 (55 with medical need)  
 • One-bedroom flat  
 • Ground floor  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Manager and alarm  
 Rent £95.34 per week

**HEOL Y LLONGAU, BARRY**

H4U Reference 1105153  
 Suitable for applicants over 40. Interviews will be carried out  
 • One-bed first floor flat  
 • Gas central heating  
 • Double glazing  
 • Parking  
 Rent £74.62 per week including service charges  
 Priority given to existing tenants wishing to downsize

**HILL STREET, BARRY**

H4U reference 211946  
 Suit for a single person or couple over 55  
 • One-bedroom flat  
 • Ground floor  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Communal gardens  
 Rent £86.44 per week including water charges  
 Not suitable for applicants with mobility issues

**IRVING PLACE, BARRY**

H4U reference 213176  
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement  
 • Two-bedroom flat  
 • Ground floor  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Communal gardens  
 Rent £82.93 per week including water charges

**LAUGHARNE COURT, BARRY**

H4U reference 214625  
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement  
 • Three-bedroom house  
 • Central heating  
 • Double glazing  
 • Gardens  
 Rent £98.55 per week including water charges

**NORTH WALK, BARRY**

H4U reference 217952  
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement  
 • Three-bedroom flat  
 • Second floor  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Communal gardens  
 Rent £89.16 per week including water charges

**ST BARUCHS COURT, BARRY ISLAND**

H4U Reference 963654  
 Suitable for applicants over 55  
 • Two-bedroom flat  
 • Ground floor  
 • Double-glazing  
 • Gas central heating  
 • Gardens/parking  
 Rent £78.75 per week including service charges

**NEW DEVELOPMENT AT MERTHYR STREET, BARRY**

Newydd Housing Association announces the new development of 12 flats in Merthyr St, Barry and expressions of interest are invited from all current applicants of HOMES4U.

The high quality energy efficient properties will be available to rent during September 2013. This development will consist of:

1 x one bedroom flat and 3 x two bed flats (ground floor) Priority will be given to applicants with a priority on HOMES4U for mobility issues.

8 x two bedroom flats on 1st and 2nd floors (regret no lift)

Priority will be given to existing social housing tenants wishing to downsize who have an excellent tenancy history.

Interest will be considered from applicants with local work and, or life connections.

Newydd Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for this new development.

**ST JAMES COURT, PENARTH**

H4U reference 244802  
 Suit for a single person or couple over 55  
 • One-bedroom flat  
 • First floor  
 • Double glazing  
 • Central heating  
 • Community alarm  
 Rent £85.57 per week inc water and alarm charges

Are you a council tenant who has been affected by the bedroom tax?

Would you like to discuss the options available to you?

If so, call our Money Advice Line on

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This number is not a bidding line for properties in this advert.

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of these homes. When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference. All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness. Newydd is a charitable housing association.





**Church Road, Barry**

2 Bedrooms  
Secure Parking  
Excellent Order

**£64,995**

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**Llwyn Y Gog, Rhoose Point**

2 Double Bedrooms  
Super Presentation  
3 Car Driveway

**£137,950**

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**Maes Lindys, Rhoose Point**

Detached 4 Bed home  
Conservatory, Garden,  
Garage & 2 Car Driveway

**£219,000**

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**Poplar Court, Barry**

2 Bedroom Semi  
2 Car Drive  
Lawned Rear Garden

**£94,950**

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**Glenbrook Drive, Barry**

2 Bedrooms  
Enclosed Rear Garden  
Ideal First Purchase

**£106,950**

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### ROBIN HARRHY

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Passed away peacefully on July 15th at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex.

Much loved son of Leslie and the late Joan. Devoted husband of Sharon, dad to Emma and Steven, father-in-law to Barry and Nichola, also treasured grandpa to all his grandchildren. Also brother of Peter and Richard, brother-in-law of Sharon and Sue.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

### COXON

Nola

Peacefully on 13th July at Barry Hospital, aged 84 years, after a fight of 24 years against a stroke, Nola, loved wife of Arthur, mother of Jeremy and Amanda, Grandma to Jamie, Rhys, Conor, Daisy and Tegan, sister to Philip and Robin, mother-in-law to Jane and Tim, stepmother to Mark.

Funeral Service to be held at St. Peters Church, Dinas Powys, on Monday 29th July 2013 at 11.30am followed by a private service at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, may be made to Penarth & District Street Support Group and sent directly to Mrs P. A. Evans, 86 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4JU, or Ty Hafan and sent directly to Ty Hafan, Head Office, The Family Hospice For Young Lives, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE (029) 2051 4627.

### PHILIP SELBY

"Clippo"

Peacefully on July 19th at Barry Community Hospital, Phil, well known for his time as a Council HGV driver, a Korean War Veteran and Merchant Seaman. Much loved husband of Brenda and loving dad to Mark and Greg. Cherished father-in-law of Susan and Satsuki, also an adored grandad of Jack, Alice and Joe. Phil will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service on Monday, 29th July at Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Colcot at 11.00am followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home or if desired, donations can be made at the service to The Dogs Trust in memory of Phil. Enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

### HASTINGS

Cecil (Paddy)

Barbara, John and Danuta wish to thank all who attended Paddy's funeral and for the numerous cards and messages of sympathy they have received.

Special thanks to the Reverend Lance Clark who conducted the service in a personal and touching way, and also his wife Shirley who offered her support. To W. James and Sons, Funeral Directors and to the Staff at Chapel Surgery, St Athan and to the Doctors and Nurses on B2 Ward at Heath Hospital Cardiff for their compassion and support.

Finally our thanks to Leanne and staff at St Athan Golf Club for the marvellous catering they provided on the day.

### EDGEcombe

Richard Henry

Passed away peacefully in Milsom House Care Home on Tuesday, 16th July, 2013, after a full and loving life of 94 years.

He was a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is now back with his beloved wife Joannie whom he sorely missed the last five years.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the Funeral service on Monday 29th July in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 2pm followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

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# Who wants to build what, and where?

Mr Raymond Coutts - **55 Heol y Fro, Llantwit Major** - To extend current external porch to include a disabled toilet facility.

Roseann Samuel - **53 Plymouth Road, Penarth** - Completion of a dwelling house in accordance with planning permission 1990/00162/FUL.

Mr Lee Gillum - **30 Glastonbury Road, Sully** - Demolition of existing rear garage and conservatory. Erection of a single storey rear and side extension.

Robert Smith Ltd - **Land at Cogan Hill, Penarth** - Redevelopment of vacant site to provide 34 affordable residential units.

AS Lloyd and Son Limited - **31 Vale Business Park, Llandow** - Erection of a new factory building with two storey offices.

Mr Colin James - **The Old Police Lodge, Sutton Road, Llandow** - Conversion and extension of out-building for residential use.

Mr Dilip Patel - **7 Cannington Close, Sully** - Single storey utility and kitchen extensions.

Mr David Crouch - **16 Ash Lane, St Athan** - Two storey extension on end elevation.

Roger Thomas - **Land to the rear of The Three Golden Cups Public House, Southerndown** - Change of use of land to a campsite (for up to 50 pitches) from March 15-October 31 in any calendar year, including ancillary facilities and associated works.

Mr and Mrs Selley - **12 Maes y Coed, The Knap, Barry** - Proposed loft conversion and increase height of gable to rear elevation.

Mr Chris Watts - **6 Downs View, Aberthaw, Cowbridge** - Extension, demolishing a single storey brick and concrete built WC, pantry and out-house and replacing with a single storey pitch roof kitchen extension.

Miss H Maddy and Miss G McSweeney - **80 Porth y Castell, Barry** - Fell one mature Goat Willow (at 89 Westward Rise) and 16 Western Red Cedars alongside boundaries of rear garden.

Mr John Lindsay - **4 Tair Onen, Cowbridge** - Construction of wall to the rear of property wholly on land of the above property with lean-to log store (retrospective).

Mr Gareth Cummings - **6 Cwrt Pencoedtre, Barry** - First floor construction over existing garage to comprise a bedroom with en-suite bathroom. Existing garage is to be converted into a ground floor dining room with French doors to the rear.

Mr and Mrs Humphrey - **51 Clive Place, Penarth** - Repair, refurbishment and extension of the existing dwelling.

Mr Robert Howells - **Court Farm, St Mary Hill, Treos** - Replacement building.

Mr Steven Rickett - **45 Westbourne Road, Penarth** - Erection of a single storey orangery attached to the northern elevation at the rear.

Mr Paul Long - **24 Rectory Drive, St Athan** - Demolition of the existing garage, construction of proposed extension and associated external works.

Mr and Mrs Andrew and Jodie Barber - **Ger y Fro, 182A Port Road East, Barry** - Single storey living room extension.

Mr and Mrs A Morgan - **Land adjoining La Fleunie, Graig Penlllyn** - Construction of detached dwelling house (revision of design from approved plans 2008/01213/FUL).

Beechwood Court Limited - **Beechwood College, Hayes Road, Sully** - Erection of three temporary portable buildings for a period up to two years.

Mr Alan Hill - **The Coach House, Highfields, 14 Bradford Place, Penarth** - To replace seven existing

single glazed white timber vertical slider windows with seven new white timber windows, vertical sliders with argon-filled toughened glass.

Mr Simon Baston - **54 Westbourne Road, Penarth** - Double and single storey extensions to the side and rear.

Mr Lee Compton - **Meliden, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys** - Temporary siting of single storey static caravan to act as temporary residential accommodation for the owner/occupier until construction of new dwelling on site (planning ref 2010/00808/FUL).

E T Adams and Sons - **Darren Farm, Cowbridge** - Proposed concrete storage area.

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council - **Town Hall, High Street, Cowbridge** - Replacement of the two arched council chamber windows on a like-for-like basis.

Mr Stephen Lucas - **80 Cae Canol, Penarth** - Single storey side extension to house to be a toilet/wet room and utility room.

Mr Justin Evans - **Ty Draw, St Andrews Major** - Proposed new farm building.

Mr John Zani - **Dow Corning, Cardiff Road, Barry** - Remove and replace tall tank in tank farm with taller storage tank.

Mr Dafydd Rhodri - **Rosedew Farm, Llantwit Major** - Agricultural building for additional grain storage, agricultural machines and general purpose storage; extension to existing, length 27m x width 6m height to eaves 4.5m, height to ridge 5.1m.

Mr Lee Ford - **Ty Coch Farm, St Brides Super Ely** - Application for variation of conditions 4 and 12 re: 2012/00450/FUL and amendment to position of garage.

Secretary of State for Defence - **MoD Superhanger, MoD St Athan** - Change of use of part of Superhanger from B1 and B2 to B8, use for an interim period between September 2013 to March 2017 inclusive.

Mr Vince Pugliese - **Unit 3, Herbert Terrace, Penarth** - Change of use from A1 to A3 (restaurant) and addition of first floor within existing building and addition of windows to street facade.

Ms Eley - **3 Southglade, Sully** - Conservatory to the rear elevation.

Mr Graham Norris - **1 Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely** - Partial demolition of existing disused chimney and rebuild to match.

M L Evans - **Brocton House, Llyswhorney** - Fell Sycamore.

Ms Cheryl Nieves - **54 Elizabeth Avenue, Colcot, Barry** - Demolition of existing substandard outhouse and storage area. Proposed single storey extension with flat roof to form kitchen and family room.

Vale of Glamorgan Council Project Management Unit - **Disused railway line, Archer Place/Sully Terrace, Penarth** - Resurfacing of sections of existing walking and cycle path on the route of disused railway line and associated improvements.

Mr Dennis Troughton - **Spar Shop, 73 Stanwell Road, Penarth** - Retention of Spar fascia and sign above shopfront.

Mr Roy Hulin - **Tree between Wenvoe Library and 6 Wenvoe Close, Wenvoe** - Cut back large tree.

Mr David Thomas - **33 Druids Green, Cowbridge** - Front toilet.

Mr Huw Childs - **Village House, Colwinston** - Dismantle Irish Yew in front garden.

Mr Cliff Hayes - **Jenner Park Stadium, Barry Road, Barry** - Siting of a 20ft storage container for adaptive cycling equipment.

Mr Philip Bacon - **5 Milburn Close, Rhose** - Extension to first floor to create three bedrooms and bathroom.

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The displays started with a mini-major jumping competition in which an older and a younger rider jumped a course of jumps.

The competition was won by Malissa Yates, 16, of Pontyclun and Olivia Murray, 11, from Pontypridd. It was followed by several vaulting displays including a performance by 101 Dalmations, The Lion King, Red Indians, and a canter performance by the A Squad.

The Musical Ride performed to a selection of ABBA songs and the day ended with a fast and fun display of gymkhana skills.

The Vaulters are a club based at Talygarn and money raised will go towards more catsuits for the squads and towards funding the cost of entering teams at the British Championships at Leighton Buzzard in September

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# Roller skaters show their artistic side



Roller Freestyle.

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club held its second annual competition recently, at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.**

In the morning, the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating tests were held.

Kaitlin Daly took her elementary test and passed. Lara Goodwin

passed both elementary and preliminary tests. Lesley Fletcher passed her inter silver test.

It now means the club has four inter silver medallists as coaches, under head coach Sheila Davies.

Competitions were as follows: Barry Tyre Centre Trophy, for beginners, nine competitors. Maya Archampong came first, Evie Denbury second and Emily Eveleigh third.

Ben's Barber Shop Trophy, Charleigh Griffith was the winner out of 10 competing. In second was Medi Western and third Dee Louise Clarke.

Barratt's the Butcher's Trophy, winner Hannah John, second Charleigh Griffith, third Bethan Daly (out of 11 competitors).

George Morgan Memorial Trophy for duos, the winners were Kaitlin Daly and Phoebe

Escott. Second were Lara Goodwin and Hannah John, and third were Bethan Daly and Michael Vaughan.

Julia Davies Cup (beginners duos), first, Tayla Goodwin and Sian Nicholas, second Dee Louise Clarke and Maya Archampong, and third Emily Eveleigh and Mollie Griffith.

Tony Voddan Memorial Trophy for skaters grade 6 and above, the winner was

Kaitlin Daly, second was Lara Goodwin, and third was Phoebe Escott.

Vale of Glamorgan Skating Club Trophy, a solo event open to all with 14 competitors, the winner was Kaitlin Daly, who skated to 'Rocky', second was Lara Goodwin who skated to 'Doll on a Musical Box', and third was Michael Vaughan who was '007'. There were super costumes and lovely music.

The winner of the most improved skater of the year, winning the Julie Whittingham Plate, was Charlie Griffith; and a small token, because he makes us smile, was awarded to Byron Western.

Judges of the day were Tarnia Bowman and Julie Whittingham, who were presented with bouquets.

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Roller duos.



Roller solos.

## Tim's weekend double

**ABERTHIN trainer Tim Vaughan has been in cracking form of late and last weekend he saddled another two winners.**

On Saturday at Market Rasen, his nine-year-old *Mighty Snazzy*, who was the oldest horse in the race, won the B Eyre & Son Ltd Ford Novices' Hurdle by six lengths at odds of 4-1, and 24 hours later at Newton Abbot, his ten-year-old *Chilbury Hill* took

the Richard Burston's Stag Party Weekend Chase, romping home 13 lengths ahead of *Escardo*.

The former was ridden by Michael Johnson and the latter by Michael Byrne.

### TIM'S HORSES IN GOOD FORM

ON Sunday, at Stratford, his *Solaris Exhibition* under Aidan Coleman won the 3.20 at odds of 5-2, and just over an hour later, his *Sirhop De Menthe*, partnered

by **Brendon Powell**, ran out a ten lengths winner of the 4.20 at odds of 14-1!

Then on Monday, Tim had an across the card double with *Piment D'Estruval* at Newton Abbot and *Langley*, which won on the flat at Wolverhampton.

The former, who was returned at odds of 7-1, was ridden by Richard Johnson and the latter, partnered by Oisán Murphy, was a 9-2 shot.

## NEW KARATE CLUB

**A new karate club is coming to Cowbridge.**

The club will be in both Y Bont Faen, linking closely with the Welsh school as an after school club, and in the Comprehensive, catering for all ages.

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## Disabilities group hands golf awards to children



Jane Hutt presents John Hasting with a certificate of appreciation for his tuition.

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt presented certificates at the end of a golfing course for children and adults with disabilities from Special Olympics Cardiff & Vale Golf Group.

The group, working in partnership with Golf Development Wales and Disability Sport Wales, held a 12-week golf tuition course for chil-

dren and adults with disabilities at St Andrews Major Golf Club, with tuition by golf professional John Hasting.

The group will continue to meet every Friday at the golf course, it is hoped to run further courses in the future.

During the evening, the group was also presented with an Insport certificate by Disability Sport Wales.

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## Barry Town United invited to coach future soccer stars

THE Vale Council has demonstrated its "commitment to local football" by inviting Barry Town United Football Club to run the Vale of Glamorgan football centre of development.

A spokesperson explained that the move aims to increase the club's presence in the community and to provide opportunities for talented young players.

As well as providing a direct link with the community, the club has plans for a fully functioning training academy in the future, which is likely to be a requirement as they seek to gain promotion to the Welsh Premier League.

The present centre would be an ideal starting point for such an academy.

The Vale of Glamorgan football centre of development has operated for approximately 10 years, and has provided quality coaching for talented young footballers, both boys and girls.

It has previously been operated directly by the

council's sports development team. However, an internal review of the centre has shown that numbers have dropped and that there are now several commercial competitors offering similar opportunities across south Wales.

One of the main reasons for the reduction in numbers has been the lack of progression opportunities for talented players.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sport development, said: "It is vital that we raise the standards of football coaching available to young people in the Vale of Glamorgan and support the star players of the future."

"This agreement with Barry Town United Football Club also demonstrates our unflinching support of the club itself, following the FAW's devastating decision to deny the club full membership."

"We are confident that the Vale of Glamorgan football centre of development will thrive under the guidance of the club and we encourage young people in the Vale to get involved in local football."

## VALE GOLF ACADEMY: Father and son team up!



A LOCAL golfer has shunned the life of a tournament professional - to follow in his father's footsteps and become a teaching pro at the Vale Resort Golf Academy, near Hensol in the Vale.

Matthew Coombs (22), who qualified last month with a degree in applied golf management from Birmingham University, joins father Clive as part of the four-strong coaching set-up at the Resort, which gives individual and group lessons to members and non-members of all ages from across south Wales.

The Junior Academy at the Vale has produced a number of young golfing stars in recent years, including current European Amateur Championship Cup winner and 2013 Open qualifier Rhys Pugh.

Matthew is looking forward to getting stuck into his new role as a full-time teaching pro and putting some of his studies into practice: "The PGA degree course has been a fantastic experience for me and has really launched my career as a teaching pro," he said.

"The Vale Resort already has a great reputation for coaching juniors but we are always looking to develop new programmes that are tailored to different types of golfers, from complete beginners to ladies, or even experienced players that want to improve certain areas of their game."

"We have also worked with some fantastic groups of disabled golfers, and that is one part of the job that really excites me."

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# GEM sport

## BOWLERS SLIP UP IN CUP ENCOUNTER

**CADOXTON** were the visitors to Barry Plastics in this Munro Cup match, but came away with little glory except for a hard fought win for the rink skipped by Graham Brown.

They came back from a deficit of 4-10 at half way, but the second half belonged to them when, with a spirited display, only two further ends were conceded, to complete the only win.

Howard Craven's four held the advantage for most of the game. After leading 8-2 after nine ends the difference steadily decreased until the score reached 11-11 with two ends left; a narrow defeat ensued with two singles against to finish.

Kelvin Chedzoy was the skip in the final rink and with 11 ends completed they trailed 5-13. This was narrowed by

four shots, but a '4' against left them too much to do. Len Davies had a 'nightmare' when only managing four winning ends with his rink.

G Powell, A Turner, G Davies, G Brown 17 - 14 B Curtis, B Knight, B Buckingham, G Trickett; J Ferguson, M Curtis, D Evans, H Craven 11 - 13 A Morgan, C Coomber, G Currie, P Oxenham; J Stacey, G Solomon, S Clarke, K Chedzoy 11 - 19 R Voddan, A Goddard, M Phillips, G Durham; S Clements, D Fanning, I Robertson, L Davies 5 - 29 D Burbridge, P Robbins, J Kirk, A Burdge. Final score: 44 - 75.

**CADOXTON V ABERCYNON - ML4**

This was another pointless result for Cadoxton, when they hosted a ML4 match, against Abercynon.

Don Kuhnell's regular rink was disbanded and they were heavily

defeated. Kelvin Chedzoy returned as skip in place of Derek Brook but this change brought no success.

Howard Craven took the early honours with an 8-2 lead, on his rink, but a bad period took away the advantage, to trail 8-16. A recovery was made but failed to regain the lead by two shots. Graham Brown seemed to be on the right road for a win, but after leading throughout, they failed on the last three ends to forfeit the advantage.

J Stacey, G Solomon, D Brook, K Chedzoy 12 - 27; P Ellis, W Vaughan, G Davies, H Craven 20 - 22; H Hellyar, K Cowling, D Evans, D Kuhnell 14 - 27; T Bishop, A Turner, I Robertson, G Brown 22 - 24. Final score: 68 - 100.

**CADOXTON 'A' V LLANTRISANT 'A'**  
The visit to Llantrisant brought

little joy for Cadoxton 'A' side, in a ML6 match.

Jim Davies skipped the only successful rink. They recovered from a '3' against on the first end to lead throughout the game; they even had the luxury of losing the last two ends with a '2' and a '4' and still winning comfortably.

Alan Carpenter's rink won the first two ends, but there was no further score, in their favour for the following nine ends, which left them 16-3 down. They retaliated during the remainder of the match, and the revival was not quite enough, ending just three behind.

Mike Curtis was 9-0 down, on his rink after

three ends, but after scoring a '5' on the 10th end they were just one shot behind. Unfortunately, the success was not continued and they were eventually well beaten.

On the final rink, Les Cundliffe, returned from health problems to play in an unusual position, for him, of skip, and only managed six winning ends.

S Clements, I Heppenstall, R Cole, M Curtis 14 - 32; E Heppenstall, J Corrigan, D Tuck, L Cundliffe 9 - 28; J Ferguson, S Clarke, M Mathews, J Davies 24 - 20; G Powell, L Adams, J Sugden, A Carpenter 17 - 20. Final score: 56 - 100. **DK**

## Cadoxton students pick up medals in Cheltenham event



Pictured with their instructor are: Jasmine Sullivan, Emily Halford, Evan Baron, Lucia Cunningham, Lucy Newman, Mason Blackley, Anita Sheppard.

Thea Cunningham, Jessica Blackley and Jake Quigley.

**CADOXTON** Tae Kwon Do school students recently competed at Cheltenham Leisure Centre.

Jessica Blackley and Lucia Cunningham fought their way into the final of the point sparring. This time, Jessica came away with first. Not to be outdone by her big sister, five-year-old Thea Cunningham took second in the girls' pee wee section. Another sibling rival, Mason Blackley, older brother of Jessica, went on to take second place in the red/black belt girls' category, along with Lucy Newman. Jasmine gave a good account of herself, while Lucy went on to take first in both her point and continuous sparring categories.

Anita Sheppard and Keita Enfield were competing in the same women's lightweight categories, and met in the final of the point sparring. Keita took first and Anita second. In the continuous sparring, Anita was beaten by a serving British sergeant, who

them, by taking first place in the girls point sparring.

Competing with a bad bout of hay fever, Cameron Williams once again dominated his continuous sparring category to come away with first place. Having fought extremely well to get into the boys' green belt final, Evan Baron was taken into extra time and was beaten by one point in the dying seconds to come away with second.

Not having competed at a major tournament before, Jasmine Sullivan found herself in the red/black belt girls' category, along with Lucy Newman. Jasmine gave a good account of herself, while Lucy went on to take first in both her point and continuous sparring categories.

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Keita went on to meet in the final, where she took third place. The biggest categories of the day were the boys' black belt point and continuous sparring sections, with Matthew Bennett and Bradley Halford both competing. Luckily, they were at either end of the draw and both had some very hard fights to get to the final of the point sparring category.

They put on a display of excellent timing and execution of techniques, with Matthew taking first and Bradley second.

In the black belt boys' continuous sparring, coming up against a much bigger opponent, Bradley just lost out by one point. Matthew went on to meet Bradley's nemesis in the final, and after an extremely hard-fought contest, he came away with second place.

The club is now training hard for the World Games in Dublin this August, along with the European championships in Jersey later in October.

For further information, telephone 01446 406372. **RT**

## Liam wins belt

On July 14, the finals of the Kwon England Grand Slam Series took place in north Solihull, Birmingham.

Competitors and clubs battled it out over three series throughout 2013 to win the championship title and belt.

Local teenager Liam Rees (15) entered the

advanced boys 65kg and over category. He got through to the finals after competing against some of the country's top points fighters, who are much heavier in weight.

Liam won the Grand Championship title and belt, and is now in training for WOMAA World Games, which take place in Dublin next month.



Liam Rees

## 'BACK BARRY TOWN' - CALL

The Vale Council is urging residents to support Barry Town United FC at their home friendly match on Saturday (July 27). Cardiff City are the visitors to Jenner Park, Barry, in a pre-season friendly match.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sport development at the council said: "This is a great opportunity for the people to come out in support of their club and make it a wonderful day for the whole of the town."

"I encourage everyone to show their support for the club. My colleagues and I will be attending the game, which I am sure will demonstrate to the football world what Barry Town means to us all."

## Barrivale results

**LATEST results from Barrivale, July 16:**

First, Mick Green and Denis Mottram, 67.26 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Mark Roderick, 66.07; third, Carol James and Mike Close, 55.21. Mick and Denis also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale; if you would like to join, telephone 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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## Ham lands McEnroe Cup

**THE McEnroe Cup** was recently competed for at Brynhill golf club, and the winner was James Ham with 41 points (back 9 = 23 points).

Runner-up was Mike Sherrin on 41 points (back 9 = 18 points), and there were 66 competitors.

In the Major Cope Cup, the winner, with 40 points, was Matthew Campbell, while runner-up on 38 points was Peter Ingleton; 55 competitors took part and the competition standard scratch was 71 (all results subject to scrutiny).

**CS**

## Chess team stumble

**BARRY** Chess team's defence of the Glamorgan Summer League stumbled at their away game in Cardiff last week.

Captain Lee Davis took an early draw on board one, while on board two Steve Cunliffe allowed his opponent a dangerous passed pawn in return for an attack.

When Steve's opponent beat away that attack the pawn was still there to win the game for Cardiff. Craig Woolcock won on board four with a powerful attack against his opponent's king.

This left board three as the deciding game. Rhys Steele had won a pawn and seemed to be fighting off his opponent's attack, but a deadly pin down a centre file was just too hard to defend and Cardiff took the match by two wins to one with one game drawn.

Barry can still win the league but they must beat Penarth at home in their last game and hope

that Cardiff do not get a big win away at the Bridgend-based Caefatr club.

If there are any new or prospective members of the club I suggest that they contact either myself or another club member before turning up at the club so that we can ensure you receive a warm welcome.

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The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY with matches starting at 7:30pm. New players of all ages and standards are welcomed. **LD**

## Dinas tennis players boost for Teenage Cancer Trust

**JUNIOR** members of Dinas Powys Tennis Club have raised £850 for the Teenage Cancer Trust through a series of events over the last few weeks.

The events included a round-the-clock 'tennis-a-thon', in which juniors from seven upwards played tennis, keeping a court in play and the ball moving for 24 hours.

One of the youngest players, 10-year-old Jules Gooding proved to be the most robust -

refusing to sleep even when rotated off.

There was also a touch tennis tournament attended by more than 50 members and guests, with many of the junior players outperforming their adult opponents.

Simon Clarke, South Wales tennis development manager at Tennis Wales, said: "This was a terrific achievement, which was well and truly led by the club's youngest players, with support from their parents and adults at the club."

## Millwood bowling round-up

**MILLWOOD** bowlers faced Sully away in the Munro Cup on July 17.

It was another bad result for the team as they went down 96-44. While they are doing well in the league, they seem to lose their way in the cup, having only won two of their round games.

The team were back in action on July 20, away against Bargoed, and suffered a 76-94 loss; some consolation can be taken as Millwood won on one rink, and on two rinks only lost by one shot each, plus Bargoed are a 'young' side with some Welsh young international players.

There was better fortune for the A team on the same day when they defeated Murch A at home, 71-59.